

## Documenting Illinois Residency for the Illinois Veteran Grant (IVG) Program Eligibility

*Proof of Illinois residency is required if the veteran's home of record on the DD214 Member 4 or equivalent DOD documentation prior to entry is other than Illinois, or if the veteran's mailing address upon separation is other than Illinois. Examples of documents acceptable as proof of Illinois residency are listed below. These documents must have been issued/dated within the relevant six months prior to the date entered into service and/or within six months after the date of separation (or spouse's separation if applicable). Acceptable documents cannot be handwritten and must include your name, dates covered by the document and your Illinois address. More than one document may be required to prove residency.*

- Illinois Driver's License;
- Illinois Identification Card;
- Illinois State taxes or federal taxes;
- Illinois Department of Employment Security Statement of Benefits;
- Utility or rent bills (in the applicant's name);
- Illinois high school or college transcript;
- Illinois voter's registration card;
- Statement of benefits history from the Illinois Department of Public Aid;
- Illinois auto registration card;
- Wage and tax statements (IRS Form W-2);
- Residential lease in the applicant's name;
- Statement of benefits from the Social Security Administration; and/or
- Property tax bill

Below are contacts for obtaining some of the Illinois residency documentation items. **Please be aware that fees may be required for processing requests for copies.**

**Illinois Department of Revenue (IDOR):** Information may be available dating back to 1969. To request IDOR records, call or write:

Illinois Department of Revenue  
101 West Jefferson  
Springfield IL 62702  
800.732.8866

Information can also be requested online via the [IDOR Web site \(revenue.state.il.us/\)](http://revenue.state.il.us/).

**Illinois Secretary of State (SOS):** Records may be available dating back to 1975, for a fee of \$12 (no credit or debit cards accepted).

**In Person** – Visit your nearest Secretary of State facility and complete a Driving Record Abstract Request Form.

**By Mail** – The Driving Record Abstract Request Form can be printed from the [CyberDriveIllinois](http://CyberDriveIllinois.com/) Web site ([cyberdriveillinois.com/](http://cyberdriveillinois.com/)). Completed Request Forms or written requests [must include full name, date of birth, gender and Illinois Driver's License number (if possible)] are to be mailed to:

Secretary of State  
Driver Analysis Section  
2701 S. Dirksen Parkway  
Springfield, IL 62723

Please allow 10 business days for a response.

**Social Security Administration (SSA):** To request a detailed statement of your Social Security earnings history from the Social Security Administration (SSA), complete the Request for Social Security Earnings Information (Form SSA-7050-F4) available on the [SSA](http://SSA.gov) Web site ([socialsecurity.gov/online/ssa-7050.pdf](http://socialsecurity.gov/online/ssa-7050.pdf)).

**Internal Revenue Service (IRS):** To request a copy of a Tax Return, contact the [IRS](http://IRS.gov) via the Internet ([irs.gov/](http://irs.gov/)) or call 800.829.3676.