



## Wisconsin Department of Transportation

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Dear Attorney Allen:

Thank you for your patience as we took additional time to review your client's request to exercise his right to wear what he claims is a 'religious head covering' in his driver's license photo with Department of Transportation legal counsel.

Administrative Code Trans 102.10 (2) indicates "If a turban or similar head covering is worn by the applicant due to religious belief, the covering shall be pushed from the forehead until a full facial image is shown." Your client, who claims to be a practicing Pastafarian, may wear what he described as his 'religious head covering' as long as he is able to comply with the requirement for a full facial image.

Wisconsin DMV Service Centers have been advised to recognize a colander as a religious head covering, if requested by one who claims it is part of a sincerely held religious belief, in accordance with the aforementioned administrative code. If your client encounters any additional difficulties regarding this process, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristina H. Boardman".

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