

How Do I Register to Vote?

Qualifications to Register to Vote in the General Election include:

- » being a United States citizen;
- » being 18 years old by November 8, 2016;
- » live at your present address by October 9, 2016;
- » not be in prison or on parole for a felony conviction;
- » not be adjudged mentally incompetent by a court; and
- » not claim the right to vote elsewhere.

If you might already be registered, check to make sure you are registered at your current address at: <https://voterlookup.elections.state.ny.us>.

Ways to Register

- » In person. You can register in person at your county or local board of elections or at any New York State Agency-Based voter registration center. Several government offices, including the Workers' Compensation Board, Department of Motor Vehicles, Department of Social Services, and Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services, must provide you with voter registration services. For a full list of voter registration services, please call **866-OUR-VOTE**.
- » Request that a voter registration application be mailed to you by calling **1-800-FOR-VOTE** or visiting <http://on.ny.gov/2aoCpj>.

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You can download a PDF version of the voter registration application and print, sign (the hard copy) and mail it to your county Board of Elections. The forms are available in:

- » English at <http://on.ny.gov/1rj8Q5J>
- » Spanish at <http://on.ny.gov/1FHZRUH>

If you have a rural, non-street or non-traditional address, you can describe it on the registration form by drawing a map to locate the residence using landmarks, directions, and distances to nearby county and state roads. Be as specific as you can. If you are homeless, you can do the same for the place where you typically live.

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Polling Place Look-up link: <https://voterlookup.elections.state.ny.us/>.

Tips for Avoiding Problems

- » Check your voter registration status and polling place at <https://voterlookup.elections.state.ny.us> as early as possible.
- » Vote before Election Day, using early in-person or mail-in voting.
- » If you vote on Election Day, the polls will be busiest before and after work hours.
- » Bring some form of identification if you have it, even if it's not required for most people.
- » Ask for help if you need it.
- » Take your time—it's your vote!

VOTING IN NEW YORK 2016

Register to vote by **October 14** to vote in the General Election on **November 8, 2016**.

Go to <http://www.elections.ny.gov/VotingRegister.html> for Voter Information.

If you require assistance at the polls because you are blind, physically disabled, or cannot read English and require assistance in order to vote, you can take a person of your choice (excluding your employer, an agent of your employer, or an officer or agent of your union) or two election officials of different political parties into the voting booth. If a poll worker refuses to allow you to bring a person of your choice into the voting booth, call **866-OUR-VOTE**.



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» You must provide the poll inspector with your name and address of residence. You must also sign your name on the back of the registration poll record. In most circumstances, no further identification is required. The only time you will be required to provide ID is if you are a first-time voter who registered by mail and whose identifying information (driver's license number, state identification number, or last four digits of your social security number) has not been verified by the state.

Acceptable IDs are:

- » A current driver's license or a DMV non-driver photo ID or other current valid photo identification (e.g., student ID, passport), or
- » A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other government document that shows your name and address.
- » If you do not produce one of these sources of identification, you may vote by affidavit ballot.
- » If you registered to vote before the deadline but the poll worker tells you you're not on the list, ask them to double-check and, if they still can't find you, go to the information desk (if there is one at your poll site) to make sure you're at the right table for your election district. If you are in the right place and they still cannot find your name say: "Please give me an affidavit ballot."
- » Assistance with voting machine: Each polling place shall contain an imitation voting machine. Upon request, voters may

be instructed in the machine's use. After entering, and before closing, the voting machine booth, you may ask for further instruction. Two polling place inspectors of opposite political parties may enter the booth and provide further instruction.

- » General Elections: 6 a.m. – 9 p.m.
- » If you are in line or at the polling place at 9:00 p.m., you must be allowed to vote. If the polling place isn't open on time or you were in line before 9:00 pm and they prohibit you from voting, stay at the polling location and call **866-OUR-VOTE**.

Absentee voting allows registered voters to vote by mail or in-person before Election Day. You may only vote absentee if, on Election Day, you are registered to vote and expect to be:

- » Absent from the county you are registered to vote in;
- » Unable to vote in-person due to illness or physical disability, care of another who is ill or physically disabled, or you are or will be a patient in a hospital;
- » An inmate or patient of a veteran's administration hospital; or
- » In jail awaiting action by a grand jury or trial, or in prison after a conviction for an offense other than a felony, provided that you are qualified to vote in the election district of your residence.
- » How to apply for an absentee ballot – To vote by Absentee Ballot, you must mail or deliver a request for an absentee ballot to the county Board of Elections. This may be done via the official application (which can be downloaded here: <http://on.ny.gov/rukZad7> or picked up at the County Board of Elections'

office) or by mailing a letter with the following information: Name; Address on voter registration; Mailing address (if different); Reason for voting absentee; and Signature.

- » NYC residents can also call **1-866-VOTE-NYC** to request an application. If you cannot pick up your ballot, or will not be able to receive it through the mail, you have the right to designate someone to pick it up for you. Only that person designated on your absentee ballot application may pick up and deliver your ballot.

Deadline to apply for absentee ballots:

- » **By mail:** Applications must be postmarked by November 1, 2016
- » **In person:** Applications must be hand-delivered to your county board of elections by November 7, 2016
- » Ballots begin to be mailed approximately one month before the election. If you apply after that date, your ballot will be sent immediately after the application is received and processed

Deadline to return absentee ballots:

- » **By mail:** The ballot must be postmarked by November 7, 2016
- » **Hand delivery:** The ballot must be hand delivered to the county Board of Elections by 9 p.m. on November 8, 2016 by someone other than the voter.
- » If you request an absentee ballot by letter rather than the official application, you must complete the application and send it in along with your ballot in order for the ballot to be counted.