

NC New Citizens Know Your Voting Rights!



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YOU CAN REGISTER TO VOTE IF...

- You are a **US citizen AND**
- You are 16 or 17 years old to pre-register and you are 18 by Election Day to vote **AND**
- You live at your NC address for 30 days before Election Day **AND**
- You are **not currently serving a felony sentence**, including probation, parole, or post-release supervision.

GREENCARD HOLDER? WAITING FOR CITIZENSHIP?

You cannot register to vote until you are a US Citizen!

HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE

ONLINE (Limited)

Online voter registration is only available for NCDMV customers. To register entirely online you will need your social security number AND your NC Drivers License or DMV ID number.

PAPER FORM

Any eligible voter can register using the paper registration form and return it to your county's Board of Elections before the registration deadline. You must provide either the last 4 digits of your SSN or a NC DMV ID/license number.

Learn more → youcanvote.org/register

COMPLETING THE NC VOTER REGISTRATION FORM

Every time you move you must update your voter registration! You must provide either the last 4 digits of your social security number or a NC drivers license OR DMV ID number on your voter registration form to confirm your identity.

Include your full legal name, date of birth, NC residential address, a valid mailing address, phone number, signature and date. If you don't get mail where you live, provide a mailing address. **The address on your registration does not have to match the address on your ID.**

The form asks for gender, race, and ethnicity. This section is **OPTIONAL** and can be left blank.

Missed the regular voter registration deadline? You can register for the first time or update your registration and vote on the same day during Early Voting!

No changes can be made on Election Day! You must vote where you are registered.
Check your registration before you go → youcanvote.org/lookup



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WHY VOTE?

Important decisions are made by elected leaders that impact you, your family, and your community. **Learn more about the elected offices on your ballot → youcanvote.org/wob**

VOTER PHOTO ID: RULES FOR VOTING WITH OR WITHOUT ID

IF YOU HAVE AN APPROVED ID, BRING IT WITH YOU TO VOTE!

The address on the voter ID does not have to match your voter registration.

You Can Vote if you don't have an approved ID. Complete the Photo ID Exception Form.

Unexpired or expired for one year or less:

- NC Drivers License
- NC DMV issued non-driver ID
- US passport or passport card
- NC Student ID *
- NC government employee ID *
- FREE ID from county board of elections
- Out-of-state driver license †

** Some restrictions apply.*

Any of the following, regardless of expiration:

- US military or Veteran ID
- Tribal ID
- ID card from US or NC government public assistance program

Over 65? ID is valid for life if the ID was unexpired on the voter's 65th birthday.

† Only if voter registered in North Carolina within 90 days of the election

*** More Details → youcanvote.org/voterid**

NEED HELP VOTING?

You can **bring someone inside to assist you OR** remain in your vehicle to **use curbside voting** (only voters unable to get inside polling location can use curbside voting). **Ballots will only be printed in English.**

CAN'T GET TO THE POLLS OR NEED EXTRA TIME VOTING?

Request an absentee ballot to vote by mail. Requests are due 7 days before Election Day. You must return your completed ballot by Election Day. Learn more → youcanvote.org/mail

STAY IN LINE!

If you are in line at the time when polls close, stay in line! If you believe you have registered but your name is not on the rolls or if you are told that you are in the wrong precinct, you can vote with a provisional ballot and receive follow-up instructions.

If you are **not offered a ballot because a poll worker questions your citizenship**, call the NC voter assistance hotline immediately at **1-888-OUR-VOTE**.

Spanish/Multi-Lingual Voter Hotline: 1-888-839-8682

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