

General Information about Registering to Vote

After you are released from prison, you have the right to vote, regardless of whether you are on parole or serving post-release supervision. You must re-register to vote, even if you were previously registered.

Qualifications to Register to Vote

You must:

- Be a United States citizen;
- Be 18 years old;
- Be a resident of New York State and the county, city, or village for at least 30 days before the election;
- Not be incarcerated for a felony conviction;
- Not be adjudged mentally incompetent by a court; and
- Not claim the right to vote elsewhere.

If you were convicted of a misdemeanor, you can still vote, even while you are incarcerated.

How to Register

Step 1: Gather Required Information

- You will need to provide your **name** and **date of birth**.
- You will be asked for your **New York State DMV number** (on your driver license or non-driver license ID) or your **social security number**. It's easiest if you have one available, but they are not required. (More info under Step 2)
- You will be asked for the **address where you live** and, if different, a **mailing address**.
 - You do not need to live at a permanent address to vote.
 - » If you apply online, you will need to provide an address where you live, but it can be temporary, such as a shelter.
 - » If you do not have a temporary address, it is best to apply in person.
 - » If you have a permanent address but are not currently living there, you can either re-register at your temporary address or request to receive an absentee ballot at your temporary address.
 - You will need to provide a mailing address. If you do not have a permanent address, you can use, for example, a shelter address, general delivery address, P.O. Box, or, with their consent, the address for a nearby family/friend, community space, or religious institution.
 - If you are a survivor of domestic violence, you can keep your address confidential. Contact the Board of Elections in your borough or the General Office (contact info below) to apply for a confidential registration.

Step 2: Submit Your Registration Form

Online: <https://e-register.vote.nyc/registration>

- If you do not have a NYS DMV or social security number, you will be asked for additional identification* the first time you vote.

Mail:

- You should be given a voter registration form when you are released from prison. If not, you can download the form: <https://vote.nyc/page/register-vote>
- Complete it, sign it (by hand; no digital signatures), and mail it to your borough's Board of Elections listed on the form or to:

General Office
Board of Elections
32 Broadway, 7th Fl
New York, NY 10004-1609

- If you do not have a NYS DMV or social security number, you can include a copy of additional identification* with your voter registration form or bring it with you the first time you vote.
- Your form must be received by the Board of Elections at least 10 days before the election.

* Any of the following are acceptable as additional identification:

- A valid photo ID
- Current utility bill
- Bank statement
- Government check or paycheck
- Government document that shows your name and address

In Person:

- You can register to vote in person at the Board of Elections office in your borough or the General Office Monday through Friday 9am to 5pm.
- To save time, you can fill out the voter registration form ahead of time. If you are unable to do that, you can fill out the form at the office.
- The addresses are located on the form or you can find them at <https://vote.nyc/page/contact-us>.
- You must register 10 days before the election.

Other Options:

- Most libraries, post offices, and NYC government agencies have registration forms that you can fill out and mail in or bring to a Board of Elections office.
- If you have a driver license or non-driver license ID or are applying for one, you can register to vote through the DMV at <https://dmv.ny.gov/more-info/electronic-voter-registration-application>.
- You can also ask that a registration form be mailed to you. Call 866-868-3492 or email your mailing address to vote@boe.nyc.ny.us with the name of your borough in the subject line.

Step 3: Receive Your Registration Card

- You should receive a voter registration card by mail within 4 to 6 weeks of completing your application.
- If you don't receive the card, you can call 866-868-3492 or check your status online: <https://voterlookup.elections.ny.gov/>.
- You do not need the card to vote!
- Once you are registered, you are permanently registered unless,
 - You move outside of the county in which you are registered;
 - You have not voted in any elections, including two Federal elections in a row, and have not confirmed your address during that time; or
 - You become ineligible to vote.

Know Your Rights <https://elections.ny.gov/know-your-rights>

Need Additional Information?

Go to the NYC Board of Election's website <https://vote.nyc/> or call them at 866-868-3492.
If you're outside of NYC, go to the NYS Board of Election's website <https://elections.ny.gov/>