



Methods of Voting FAQs

Q: How can a voter request an early vote by mail ballot?

A: Voters can request an early vote by mail ballot via the State Board's [online portal](#), by mailing in an [application](#), or by returning the completed application in person to the local County Board of Elections (or sending it along with a designee).

Q: How can a voter request an absentee ballot?

A: Voters can request an absentee ballot via the State Board's [online portal](#), by mailing in an [application](#), or by returning the completed application in person to the local County Board of Elections (or sending it along with a designee).

Q: What are the voting options available to New Yorkers with accessibility needs?

A: When it comes to casting a ballot, both voting in person and by mail offer completely accessible options to voters:

- Poll sites, before they can be officially designated for use, are required to undergo accessibility surveys to ensure substantial compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- Any voter may request to use a Ballot Marking Device (BMD) to allow them to vote privately and independently.
- Voters with a print disability who wish to receive a ballot with accessible features which allow them to mark their ballot privately and independently at home, may apply using the [online Accessible Ballot Application portal](#).

The New York State Board of Elections is committed to providing exemplary assistance to all voters, including those with access needs. Any voter who requests assistance is entitled to receive it, regardless of the reason.



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Q: How can a voter look up their polling place to vote in person?

A: Voters can look up their polling place – for both Early Voting days and Election Day – via the State Board’s [voter lookup application](#). Alternatively, voters can contact their local [County Board of Elections](#). Early Voting occurs for nine days, starting with the tenth day before Election Day. Locations and hours vary from county to county.

Is there a question we haven’t answered?

Feel free to reach out to us by calling
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