



Voter Registration FAQs

Q: Who is eligible to register to vote?

A: To qualify for voter registration in New York State, you must:

- be a United States Citizen;
- be 18 years old (you may pre-register at 16 or 17 but cannot vote until you are 18);
- be a resident of this state and the county, city or village for at least 30 days before the election;
- not be in prison for a felony conviction;
- not be adjudged mentally incompetent by a court;
- not claim the right to vote elsewhere.

Q: How can a New Yorker register to vote?

A: New Yorkers have three options when choosing to register to vote:

- **ONLINE:** New Yorkers can register to vote via the state's [online voter registration \(OVR\) portal](#).
- **IN PERSON:** New Yorkers can register at a County Board of Elections, the DMV, or at any state agency-based registration center.
- **BY MAIL:** New Yorkers can register by completing a [voter registration form](#) and mailing it to the local County Board of Elections.

New Yorkers may register to vote up to ten days before an election in order to vote in that election.



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Q: How can a voter update their registration (change of name, address, party enrollment)?

A: Voters may use the [online voter registration \(OVR\) portal](#) or a [voter registration form](#) to update their registration. Notices of change of name or address from registered voters must be received at least 15 days before an election by the County Board of Elections. An application to change one's party enrollment in any year must be received by the County Board of Elections no later than February 14th in order to vote in that party's Primary Election(s) for that year.

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

A: The New York State Board of Elections has made registering to vote accessible to all New Yorkers by offering multiple methods for completing a Voter Registration Form on our [Voter Registration page](#).

Q: How are the voter rolls maintained in New York State to ensure they are updated and accurate?

A: County Boards of Elections use approved voter registration systems and software to maintain and update the voter registration records of voters within the county. List maintenance is one of the most important functions of the County Boards of Elections. Voter records are constantly



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changing as new voters are registered, voters update their records, statuses of voters change, and voters are purged after moving, dying, becoming incarcerated, etc. All list maintenance is conducted by bipartisan teams to ensure the process is fair, accurate, and transparent.



Is there a question we haven't answered?

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