

Register To Vote

To vote in Ohio you must:

1. Register at least 30 days before Election Day
2. Be a citizen of the United States
3. Be at least 18 years old on or before the next general election
4. Be a resident of Ohio for at least 30 days before the election (your residence is a location you consider your permanent dwelling).
5. Not be incarcerated (in prison or jail) for a felony conviction
6. You have not been declared incompetent for voting purposes by a probate court
7. You have not been permanently disenfranchised for violations of the election laws.

Registration

1. **To register to vote**, you must complete a voter registration form.
 - o You can go to www.MyOhioVote.com to download a blank form
 - o Or you may request one to be mailed by calling the Allen County Board of Elections at 419-223-8530
 - o Or you may pick up a voter registration form at a number of other places, including public libraries, public high schools, Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicle locations and the Department of Job and Family Services. For a complete list of locations, visit www.MyOhioVote.com.
2. Properly **complete the voter registration form**, including all required information noted in the instructions.
3. Once you have completed your registration, **return it by mail to Allen County Board of Elections, Post Office Box 5008 Lima OH 45802** or you may drop it off at one of the locations listed previously in #1. You will be sent a notice from your county board identifying your voting precinct information and voting location.
4. **You may check your voter information** at [Allen County's Board of Elections Website](http://AllenCounty.com) or www.MyOhioVote.com. If the search does not return your information, please contact us to check on the status of your registration by calling 419-223-8530.

Your properly completed voter registration form must be postmarked or received by the 30th day before the next election if you want to vote.

Keep Your Registration Updated

If you are registered to vote but have moved within Ohio and/or changed your name, you should update your voter registration at least 30 days prior to the election. You can do so by:

1. Submitting a [new registration form](#) with your new residence and/or name change.
2. Or using the Online Change of Address System available at www.MyOhioVote.com (for address changes only).

**Complete and mail registration to:
Allen County Board of Elections
P.O. Box 5008
Lima, Ohio 45802**

Voter Registration and Information Update Form

Please read instructions carefully. Please type or print clearly with blue or black ink.

For further information, you may consult the Secretary of State's website at: www.OhioSecretaryofState.gov or call 1-877-767-6446.

Eligibility

You are qualified to register to vote in Ohio if you meet all the following requirements:

1. You are a citizen of the United States.
2. You will be at least 18 years old on or before the day of the general election.
3. You will be a resident of Ohio for at least 30 days immediately before the election in which you want to vote.
4. You are not incarcerated (in jail or in prison) for a felony conviction.
5. You have not been declared incompetent for voting purposes by a probate court.
6. You have not been permanently disenfranchised for violations of election laws.

Use this form to register to vote or to update your current Ohio registration if you have changed your address or name.

NOTICE: This form must be *received or postmarked* by the 30th day before an election at which you intend to vote. You will be notified by your county board of elections of the location where you vote. If you do not receive a notice following timely submission of this form, please contact your county board of elections.

Numbers 1 and 2 below are required by law. You *must* answer **both** of the questions for your registration to be processed.

Registering in Person

If you have a current valid Ohio driver's license, you must provide that number on line 10. If you do not have an Ohio driver's license, you must provide the *last four digits* of your Social Security number on line 10. If you have neither, please write "None."

Registering by Mail

If you register by mail and do **not** provide either a current Ohio driver's license number or the last four digits of your Social Security number, please enclose with your application **a copy** of one of the following forms of identification that shows your name and current address:

Current valid photo identification card, military identification, or current (within one year) utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check or government document (except board of elections notifications) showing your name and current address.

Residency Requirements

Your voting residence is the location that you consider to be a permanent, not a temporary, residence. Your voting residence is the place in which your habitation is fixed and to which, whenever you are absent, you intend to return. If you do not have a fixed place of habitation, but you are a consistent or regular inhabitant of a shelter or other location to which you intend to return, you may use that shelter or other location as your residence for purposes of registering to vote. If you have questions about your specific residency circumstances, you may contact your local board of elections for further information.

Your Signature

In the area below the arrow in Box 14, please write your cursive, hand-written signature or make your legal mark, taking care that it does not touch the surrounding lines so when it is digitally imaged by your county board of elections it can effectively be used to identify your signature.

Please see information on back of this form to learn how to obtain an absentee ballot.

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I am: Registering as an Ohio voter Updating my address Updating my name

1. Are you a U.S. citizen? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
2. Will you be at least 18 years of age on or before the next general election? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If you answered NO to either of the questions, do not complete this form.	

3. Last Name	First Name	Middle Name or Initial	Jr., II, etc.
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4. House Number and Street (Enter new address if changed)	Apt. or Lot #	5. City or Post Office	6. ZIP Code
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7. Additional Rural or Mailing Address (if necessary)	8. County (where you live)
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9. Birthdate (MO-DAY-YR) (required)	10. Ohio Driver's License No. OR Last Four Digits of Social Security No. (one form of ID required to be listed or provided)	11. Phone No. (voluntary)
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12. PREVIOUS ADDRESS IF UPDATING CURRENT REGISTRATION - Previous House Number and Street		
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Previous City or Post Office	County	State
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13. CHANGE OF NAME ONLY Former Legal Name	Former Signature
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14. I declare under penalty of election falsification I am a citizen of the United States, will have lived in this state for 30 days immediately preceding the next election, and will be at least 18 years of age at the time of the general election.	Your Signature ↓	Date _____ / _____ / _____ MO DAY YR	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">FOR BOARD USE ONLY SEC4010 (Rev. 6/12)</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">City, Village, Twp.</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">Ward</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">Precinct</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">School Dist.</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">Cong. Dist.</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">Senate Dist.</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">House Dist.</td></tr> </table>	FOR BOARD USE ONLY SEC4010 (Rev. 6/12)	City, Village, Twp.	Ward	Precinct	School Dist.	Cong. Dist.	Senate Dist.	House Dist.
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To ensure your information is updated, please do the following:

1. Print this form.
2. Complete all required fields.
3. Sign and date your form.
4. Fold and insert your form into an envelope.
5. Mail your form to your county board of elections. For your county board's address please visit www.OhioSecretaryofState.gov/boards.htm.

If you have additional questions, please call the office of the Ohio Secretary of State at 877-SOS-OHIO (767-6446).

HOW TO OBTAIN AN OHIO ABSENTEE BALLOT

You are entitled to vote by absentee ballot in Ohio without providing a reason. Absentee ballot applications may be obtained from your county board of elections or from the Secretary of State at: www.OhioSecretaryofState.gov or by calling 1-877-767-6446.

OHIO VOTER IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Voters must bring identification to the polls in order to verify identity. Identification may include a current and valid photo identification, a military identification, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of an election or a voter registration notification sent by a board of elections, that shows the voter's name and current address. Voters who do not provide one of these documents will still be able to vote by providing the last four digits of the voter's Social Security number and by casting a provisional ballot. Voters who do not have any of the above forms of identification, including a Social Security number, will still be able to vote by signing an affirmation swearing to the voter's identity under penalty of election falsification and by casting a provisional ballot. For more information on voter identification requirements, please consult the Secretary of State's website at: www.OhioSecretaryofState.gov or call 1-877-767-6446.

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