

VOTER REGISTRATION FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: How do I register to vote in Ohio?

The State of Ohio has made it easy to register for vote online at VoteOhio.gov.

Q: Who can register to vote?

Any US Citizen 18 or older before the date of the general election. In Ohio, you must have been a resident for 30 days, non incarcerated for a felony, legally competent, and not disenfranchised for violating election laws.

Q: My name has changed. Do I need to register again?

Yes. If you have legally changed your name since you last registered, you must update your voter registration at least 30 days prior to the next election in which you intend to vote. Visit VoteOhio.gov and click “Update Your Voter Registration.”

Q: I have moved. Do I need to register again?

Yes. Visit VoteOhio.gov and click “Update Your Voter Registration.”

Q: What personal information is needed to register to vote?

- Ohio driver’s license or Ohio identification card number
- Name
- Date of Birth
- Address
- Last four digits of your Social Security number

Q: I will be 18 by the General Election Day, but I am not going to be 18 before the August Special Election. Can I still register and vote in August?

Yes. If you will be 18 on or before a General Election date (Tuesday, November 7), you can register by the deadline as a 17-year-old. The deadline to register for the August Special Election is Monday, July 10.

Q: Can I register to vote with a paper form?

Yes, you may download a paper registration form by visiting VoteOhio.gov, clicking on “Register to Vote Online” then following the paper form (PDF) link in the “What You Need” section. The completed form must be mailed to your county Board of Elections office.

Q: Do I need to identify with a political party in order to register to vote?

No. You may declare your party preference at each primary election in order to receive a ballot for your preferred party. You do not need to declare a party preference at a general election.

Q: Is it possible to cast my vote prior to Election Day?

Yes, you may vote before Election Day in two ways:

- 1. Submitting an absentee ballot through the mail.** To vote by mail, you may request an absentee ballot online at **VoteOhio.gov** or by calling your county Board of Elections.
- 2. Early in-person voting.** Statewide early voting hours for the Tuesday, August 8, Special Election are as follows:

July 11-14: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

July 17-21: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

July 24-28: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

July 31: 7:30 am - 7:30 pm

August 1: 7:30 am - 8:30 pm

August 2-4: 7:30 am - 7:30 pm

August 5: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

August 6: 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

You may find early voting locations in your area by calling your county Board of Elections or online at **VoteOhio.gov** under the “Voting Early In-Person” section.

Q: Will I need a state-issued ID to vote?

Yes, all Ohio voters must now have a valid state-issued photo ID in order to cast a ballot. Acceptable forms of ID include:

- Ohio driver’s license;
- State of Ohio ID card;
- Interim ID form issued by the Ohio BMV;
- A US passport;
- A US passport card;
- US military ID card;
- Ohio National Guard ID card; or
- US Department of Veterans Affairs ID card

If you do not have any of these, you may receive a free state-issued ID card at any BMV office.

Q: I want to vote on Election Day. Where do I go?

Polls are open from 6:30 am to 7:30 pm on Election Day. Look up your voter registration and find your polling location at **VoteOhio.gov**.