

Voters Registration Process in Pennsylvania

Who is Eligible to Register to Vote?

In the U.S, just because you are a citizen, doesn't mean you can vote on the election day. First you have to register to vote before the deadline to be eligible to vote in the upcoming election. What registering to vote means is you are adding your name to the active list of voter rolls in the county you live in.

Are you right now:

- ❖ A United States citizen
- ❖ A resident of Pennsylvania
- ❖ And will you be least 18 years of age on the day of the next election.

Then you're eligible to register to vote in the state of Pennsylvania.

Different Ways You Can Register to Vote

Mail

- You can mail your completed voter's registration form to your current county voter registration office. You will find the application by going to www.votespa.com and clicking on "Register to Vote". Next you'll click on "click here to download a blank voter registration form". It takes you to the next page where you can download and print your voter registration form. The address to mail your completed forms can be found in page 2 of your Voter's Registration Form. You can also find your current county voter's registration office's address by going on www.votespa.com. Once you're on the website, click on "How to Register to Vote" at the top. Next, under "Updating your registration" click on "How to update your registration". In the next page, click on "find your county voter's registration office". In the final step, select your current county and the address to send your completed form will be displayed.

Different Ways You Can Register to Vote

Online

- You can also register to vote online. For that, you have to go www.votespa.com and click on “Register to Vote”. Put in your personal information correctly and submit the application.

Different Ways You Can Register to Vote

Drivers License Office

- If you happen to be at the driver's license office, you can ask to be registered to vote there. Make sure you have all the pertinent documents like your DL card, SS Card etc with you.

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County Election Office

You can also walk to your County Voters Registration office and ask to be registered to vote [*it's highly advised to check if your County Voters Registration Office is open before making the trip. With the pandemic, it may not be opened for business*]

If you don't know the address for your County Voters Registration office, you can find it by going to www.votespa.com. Once you're on the website, click on "How to Register to Vote" at the top. Next, under "Updating your registration" click on "How to update your registration". In the next page, click on "find your county voter's registration office". In the final step, select your current county and the address to send your completed form will be displayed

Voters Registration Card

A few weeks after you submit your voters registration application, you will receive your voters registration card that will have your personal information as well as the location of the polling place. Polling place is where you go to vote on the day of the election.

This means the county has accepted your registration application and now you are eligible to vote

Voters Registration Card

Here is what a sample voters registration card looks like



Updating Change in Address and Name

- Equally important in the voters registration process is making sure your address and your name hasn't changed since you last registered to vote. If your address and/or your name has changed, then it is very important that you update these changes with the County Election Office. The process to make an update is the same as the process you register to vote except when updating your address, make sure you complete **#10** in the registration form and send your completed application to your county election office. Then depending on how you're submitting your form, you either mail your completed paper form or submit your online application.

Updating Change in Address and Name

If your name or address has changed

Skip if this is the first time you are registering to vote.

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Name on previous registration

Full previous address and county

PA Voter No. (if available)

Year

Transfer Permanent Ballot Request

- I am on the annual ballot request list to automatically receive mail-in or absentee ballot applications each year, I am registering in another county in PA, and I would like to remain on the annual ballot request list at my new address.

Exception to Change in Address

With the recent address change, there are however exception.

See if it applies to you.

If you move:

- Within Pennsylvania **less than 30 days** before an election, you must vote at the polling place for your old address. But you will fill out a change of address form at the polling place to update your voter registration with your new address. You can bring the proof of new address like your new State ID, driver's license or a phone/electric bill to the polling place to prove your new address

Exception to Change in Address

- If somehow you didn't update your address and it's been **more than 30 days** since you moved, you can also vote at the polling place for your old address for **one** election. The keyword here is **one**. If you have already voted since moving, you may not be able to vote in the upcoming election unless you update your new address with your new County Election Office.

Exception to Change in Address

- If you moved within the same county, you must tell the election officials at the polling place of your new address. They will update your voter registration and send you a new voter registration card.
- If you moved to a different county, you need to fill out a form telling the poll worker your new address and the county where you moved. After the election, the county election office for both your old and new addresses will update your voter registration. You will receive a new voter registration card matching your new address.

Requesting Mail-in and Absentee Ballot

- Come election day, if for some reason you cannot vote in person, you can also vote from your home by ordering what is called Absentee or Mail-in Ballot. To be able to vote by mail, the county office must receive your completed Mail-in Ballot request by **5 P.M on 10/27/2020**. And likewise, your voted ballot must be received in your county election office by **8:00 PM on 11/03/2020** for it to be counted.
- Of the two types of ballots, Mail-in is very popular because you do not need any reason to request it.

Requesting Mail-in and Absentee Ballot

Mail-in Ballot

How do I apply for a mail-in ballot?

Option 1: Apply for a Mail-in Ballot Online

Apply Online at VotesPA.com/ApplyMailBallot

Absentee Ballot

How do I apply for an absentee ballot?

Option 1: Apply for an Absentee Ballot Online

Apply Online VotesPA.com/ApplyAbsentee

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