



# Registering to Vote

## Who can register to vote in Michigan

### Who can vote?



#### You can register if:

- You are a U.S. citizen
- You have been a Michigan resident for at least 30 days by Election Day
- You are at least 17.5 years old at the time of registration and will be at least 18 by Election day
- You are not currently serving a sentence in jail or prison



#### Check to see if you are registered:

- Find out if you are registered to vote online by searching for the “Michigan Voter Information Center” and clicking “Am I registered?” <https://mVIC.sos.state.mi.us/Voter/Index>

### What if I have been convicted of a crime?



#### You can still vote if:

- You have been released from jail or prison
- You are in jail awaiting trial or arraignment
- You are on probation, parole, or tether
- You are not in prison or jail but are serving out a sentence



#### Important Note:

- Only people who are convicted and currently incarcerated in a prison or jail cannot vote, until they are released.
- You must re-register to vote if you have served a sentence since you last registered.

You can contact the Voting Helpline for any questions you encounter at [VotingHelpline@gmail.com](mailto:VotingHelpline@gmail.com) or by phone at **1-855-868-3311**.

To hear more about why your vote matters, see <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1sN0VNxjAu5r1WYvuzCmzvyrjcua7ARlw/view>



# Registration Basics

Where you can register and what you need

## Where can I register to vote?



### You can register to vote:

- Online at <https://mVIC.sos.state.mi.us/RegisterVoter>.
- By mailing an application to your local clerk's office
- In person at your local township or county clerk's office
- In person at a Secretary of State branch office
- In person at any state agency that provides public assistance or services to people with disabilities, or a registration drive

## What do I need to register online, in person, or by mail?



### To register to vote in person, you must present proof of eligibility and proof of residency.

To prove residency, you can submit paper or digital copies of one of the following documents, which must have your name and current address:

- Michigan driver's license or state ID
- Current utility bill
- Bank statement
- Paycheck or government check
- Other government document



### If you have never registered to vote in Michigan and choose to mail in your application, you will need:

Your Michigan driver's license or state ID number or the last 4 digits of your Social Security number, or

You can also send a copy (not an original document) of ONE of the following forms of identification with your application:

- A photocopy of your Michigan driver's license or state ID, or
- A photocopy of a paycheck stub, utility bill, bank document or government document that lists both your name and your address.



### To register online, you need a Michigan driver's license and the last four digits of your Social Security Number.



# Registration Steps

The different ways that you can register to vote

## How do I register online?



### Option 1: Online

- You can register at <https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/RegisterVoter>. You need a Michigan driver's license and the last four digits of your Social Security Number.



### Option 2: Email

- You can also take a picture of your completed application form and email it to your local clerk. [www.michigan.gov/documents/MIVoterRegistration\\_97046\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/MIVoterRegistration_97046_7.pdf)

## How do I register by mail?



### Mailing address:

- Complete a Michigan Voter Registration Application Form and mail it to your local clerk's office. [https://www.michigan.gov/documents/MIVoterRegistration\\_97046\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/MIVoterRegistration_97046_7.pdf)



### Important Note:

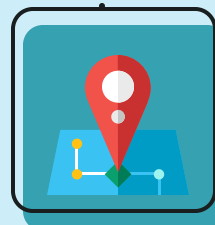
- To have a Registration Form mailed to you with an envelope and return postage, email [VotingHelpline@gmail.com](mailto:VotingHelpline@gmail.com) (or call 855-VOTE311).

## How do I register in person?



### You can register at:

- your local township or county clerk's office
- a Secretary of State branch office
- any state agency that provides public assistance or services to people with disabilities, or a registration drive



### Important Note:

- You can find out where your local clerk's office is within the "Michigan Voter Information Center" by clicking "Who is my clerk?" <http://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/Voter/Index/#yourclerk>



# Absentee Ballots

How to vote using an absentee ballot

## Who can get an absentee ballot?



You can request an absentee ballot for no reason. If you received or filled out an absentee ballot but want to vote in person, take your absentee ballot to the polls.

## How can I get an absentee ballot?



In person: You can apply for an absentee ballot at your local clerk's office or a Secretary of State branch office from September 24, 2020 through November 2, 2020.

By mail: Mail in to local clerk's office. The application is available at [www.michigan.gov/documents/sos/AVApp\\_535884\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/sos/AVApp_535884_7.pdf). After October 13, 2020, apply in person to avoid mail delays.

Online: <https://mVIC.sos.state.mi.us/avapplication>

## How do I fill out my absentee ballot?



1. Find a black or blue pen to complete your ballot.
2. Read all the instructions that are on the ballot, envelope, and inserts. You can go over ballot instructions with a friend if that helps or call the Voting Helpline at 1-855-868-3311.
3. If you want more information about candidates, go to [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org). If you enter your address, they will provide you local, state, and national candidate profiles.
4. After you vote and seal the outer envelope, remember to sign the outside with your official signature.
5. By law, only you, a household member, your postal carrier, or an election official can touch your ballot after you have voted. That is to be sure it isn't lost or tampered with.



# Dates to Remember

Make sure to meet the deadlines for registration. For more info, visit [www.michiganvoting.org](http://www.michiganvoting.org).



If you are registering online, the deadline to register is **October 20, 2020**.



If you are registering by mail, your completed application must be postmarked **October 19, 2020**.



If you are registering in person at your local clerk's office, the deadline to register is 8pm on Election Day, **November 3, 2020**.



You can register to vote as late as 8pm on Election Day, **November 3, 2020**, but you must register in person after **October 20, 2020**.

If you run into any problems voting on Election Day, contact the following helplines for assistance:

[866-OUR-VOTE \(866-687-8683\)](tel:866-OUR-VOTE) – English language hotline

[888-VE-Y-VOTA \(888-839-8682\)](tel:888-VE-Y-VOTA) – Spanish language hotline

[888-API-VOTE \(888-274-8683\)](tel:888-API-VOTE) – Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, Bengali, Hindi, Urdu and Tagalog hotline

[844-YALLA-US \(844-925-5287\)](tel:844-YALLA-US) – Arabic language hotline