



# ELECTION 2020

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## Are You Ready to Vote: OHIO?

Updated Tuesday, October 13, 2020

### Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, 2020

#### When voting, you have the right to:

- Bring someone of your choice to help you vote in the voting booth if you have some difficulty with English.
- Receive language assistance from the government in certain places.
- Vote without being intimidated or discriminated against by others.
  - Intimidation or discrimination at the polls may look like harassing you or denying you the right to vote because of your accent or challenging your right to vote under the false stereotype that you are not a citizen because of your race.

### Who can vote in Ohio

- A citizen of the United States;
- You will be at least 18 years old on or before the day of the next general election. (If you will be 18 on or before the general election, you may vote in the primary election to nominate candidates, but you cannot vote on issues or party central committees until you are 18);
- You will be a resident of Ohio for at least 30 days immediately before the election in which you want to vote;
- You are not incarcerated (in prison or jail) for a felony conviction under the laws of this state, another state, or the United States;
- You have not been declared incompetent for voting purposes by a probate court; and
- You have not been permanently disenfranchised for violating the election laws.
- You are eligible to vote in elections held in your voting precinct 30 days after you are duly registered to vote in this state. You may request an absentee ballot during that 30 day period.

**You must be registered to vote in in order to cast a ballot.**

### Key Dates

- Monday, October 5 – Deadline to register to vote.
- Tuesday, October 6 – Early voting begins.
- Friday, October 23 – Recommended that voters apply for absentee ballots before this day to ensure enough time to receive and return their ballot.
- Tuesday, November 3 – Election Day! Vote in person at your polling place or make sure your absentee ballot is postmarked by this day.

### Voter Registration: Are you registered?

- Have you registered to vote before?
  - Yes
    - Confirm you are still registered where you live now: <https://voterlookup.ohiosos.gov/voterlookup.aspx>
    - If you are no longer registered, re-register today: <https://olvr.ohiosos.gov/NCOA/NCOA>
    - If you are not registered at the correct address, update your registration: <https://olvr.ohiosos.gov/NCOA/NCOA>

- No
  - Register today!
    - Online: <https://olvr.ohiosos.gov/NCOA/NCOA>
      - You will need:
        - Ohio driver's license or Ohio identification card number
        - Name
        - Date of Birth
        - Address
        - Last four digits of your Social Security number
    - Mail:
      - If you do not have any portion of the required information, [follow this link to update your voting address using our paper form \(PDF\)](#). Once you complete this form, you must sign and send it to your [county board of elections](#).
      - Using the National Mail Voter Registration Form: <https://www.eac.gov/voters/national-mail-voter-registration-form>
        - The National Mail Voter Registration Form can be used to register U.S. citizens to vote, to update registration information due to a change of name, make a change of address or to register with a political party.
        - You must follow the state-specific instructions listed for your state. They begin on page 3 of the form and are listed alphabetically by state. After filling out this form, you must sign your name where indicated and send it to your state or local election office for processing. Be sure you mail it in an envelope with the proper amount of postage.
        - Download the Form in 15 Languages:
          - [National Mail Voter Registration Form – English](#)
          - [طلب تسجيل الناخب – Arabic](#)
          - [জাতীয় ডাক ভোটার নিবন্ধন ফর্ম – Bengali](#)
          - [国家邮件选民登记表 – Chinese](#)
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          - [राष्ट्रीय डक मतदाता पंजीकरण फॉर्म – Hindi](#)
          - [国立メール有権者登録フォーム – Japanese](#)
          - [ទម្រង់បែបបទនៃការចុះឈ្មោះអ្នកបោះឆ្នោតថ្នាក់ជាតិ – Khmer](#)
          - [전국 우편 유권자 등록 양식 – Korean](#)
          - [Solicitação para cadastro de eleitor – Portuguese](#)
          - [Заявка на регистрацию избирателя – Russian](#)
          - [Formulario nacional de inscripción de votantes – Spanish](#)
          - [National Mail Form ng Pagpaparehistro ng Botante – Tagalog](#)
          - [Mẫu đăng ký quốc gia Thư cử tri – Vietnamese](#)

## Vote by Mail (VBM)/Absentee Ballots

- Did you request a mail in ballot?
  - Yes
    - Track it here: <https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/toolkit/ballot-tracking/>
  - No
    - If you would like to request a mail in ballot, there may still be time to do so.
      - Deadline: Saturday, October 31
        - TIP! Request your VBM/Absentee Ballot by Friday, October 23 so you have time to receive it and mail it back.
      - You must be registered voter in Ohio.
      - How to Apply:
        - Download, print, and complete form here: <https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/how-to-request-your-absentee-ballot/>

- Mail the request form back to your own county board of elections. Board mailing addresses are available at <https://www.ohiosos.gov/boards>.
  - Wait to receive your ballot in the mail from your county board of elections. If you have questions about your absentee ballot request, you should call your county board of elections.
- What do I need to complete my VBM/Absentee Ballot?
  - Ohio Driver's License
  - Social Security License
- How can I return my Mail-in Ballot?
  - Instructions are included with the VBM/Absentee ballot. Follow them fully and carefully.
  - If you'd like to drop off your mail in ballot, deliver it in person to your [county board of elections](#) no later than 7:30 pm on Election Day (Tuesday, November 3).
  - If you plan to use U.S. Postal Service (USPS) to mail back your ballot,
    - If you return your absentee ballot by mail, it must be postmarked no later than the day before Election Day and received by your county board of elections no later than 10 days after the election. By state law, a postmark does not include a date marked by a postage evidence system such as a postage meter. USPS estimates that it may take two to five days for your voted absentee ballot to be delivered to your board of elections by mail.
    - If you are returning your voted ballot by mail during the week before Election Day, you should take it to USPS no later than the day before Election Day and ensure it receives a postmark as follows:
      - If you use a postage label purchased at a USPS customer service window or vending machine, the date on the label is the postmark. This is the USPS-recommended way to postmark your ballot.
      - If you use postage stamps, ask that it be postmarked.
      - TIP: Do it early! At the latest, send it back at least one week before Election Day.
  - Devise a plan of action if you do not receive the ballot or do not receive it in time to vote by mail.
  - If you do not mail back your VBM/Absentee ballot and instead decide to go to your polling place on Election Day, you must vote a provisional ballot.

## In Person Voting

- If you'd like to vote early:
  - Starting Tuesday, October 6, registered voters may vote early in Ohio. Early voting ends at 2 pm on Monday, November 2.
  - Locations: <https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/toolkit/early-voting>
- If you plan to vote on Election Day:
  - Find your polling place: <https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/toolkit/polling-location/>
  - Hours: 6:30 am to 7:30 pm.
  - Stay in Line! If you get to the polls by 7:30 pm, you are allowed to vote.
- Voter ID: ID is required to vote in Ohio. Valid forms of ID include:
  - An unexpired Ohio driver's license or state identification card with present or former address so long as the voter's present residential address is printed in the official list of registered voters for that precinct;
  - A military identification;
  - A photo identification that was issued by the United States government or the State of Ohio, that contains the voter's name and current address and that has an expiration date that has not passed;
  - An original or copy of a current utility bill with the voter's name and present address;
  - An original or copy of a current bank statement with the voter's name and present address;
  - An original or copy of a current government check with the voter's name and present address;
  - An original or copy of a current paycheck with the voter's name and present address; or
  - An original or copy of a current government document (other than a notice of voter registration mailed by a board of elections) that shows the voter's name and present address.

A current ID is any form of the above from the last 12 months.

If you go to your polling place without an approved form of ID, you may provide either your Ohio driver's license or state identification number (which begins with two letters followed by six numbers) or the last four digits of your Social Security number and cast a provisional ballot. Once the information is reviewed and verified by the board of elections, your ballot will be counted.

If you do not provide the documents or information listed above, you can still vote a provisional ballot. However, in order for that ballot to be counted, you must return to the board of elections no later than seven days following Election Day to provide a qualifying form of identification.

- Know Your Rights: Provisional Ballots
  - Before Election Day: If you have moved from one Ohio precinct to another and did not update your voter registration prior to the deadline for submitting your change of address (30 days before the election), then you may cast a provisional ballot in person at the office of the board of elections, or a place designated by the board of elections for that purpose, beginning the 28<sup>th</sup> day before the election.
  - On Election Day: At the designated polling place based upon your current residential address, or, if you have moved from one Ohio precinct to another and did not update your voter registration prior to the deadline for submitting your change of address (30 days before the election) then you may cast your provisional ballot in person at the office of the board of elections.

## Language Assistance

You have the right to language assistance during voting.

- Under Section 208 of the Voting Rights Act you can bring *your own interpreter/or translator to the polls, as long as they are not your employer or an agent of your union.*
- **TIP: If you need language assistance, ask for help and find a person willing to help!**
- Check your state and law laws for any additional language assistance requirements.

**For more information, visit:**

<https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/>  
[www.advancingjustice-aajc.org/election2020](http://www.advancingjustice-aajc.org/election2020)

**If you have any questions about voting, no matter how big or small,**  
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