

Voter Registration Made Simple

Your country needs your vote. Here's how to register in Michigan.

Attention: Voter information and [identification requirements](#) may change prior to an election. Please check the Secretary of State [website](#) to make sure you have the most current information.

Register to Vote in Michigan

If you would like to participate in Michigan elections, you must **register to vote** with the Michigan Secretary of State, including at any [branch offices](#), the offices of your local [city or township clerk](#), and other state agencies.

What are the Voter Eligibility Requirements in Michigan?

To qualify for voter registration in Michigan, you must:

- Be a U.S. citizen.
- Be a resident of Michigan, and of the city/township you're registering in.
- Be at least 18 years old by the next election date.
- **NOT** currently imprisoned for a felony offense.*

*Your voting rights are restored once you are no longer incarcerated. You will need to [re-register to vote](#).

When you visit the polling booths to vote on Election Day, you will need to provide [identification](#), such as your:

- Driver's license or ID card.
- U.S. passport.
- Military ID card.
- Student identification.
- Tribal ID card.

NOTE: If you're unable to provide acceptable photo identification, you can vote by signing an affidavit.

Just Moved?

Find all the information you need to finish your [moving requirements with the DMV](#).

How to Register to Vote in Michigan

NOTE: You must register to vote in MI **at least** 30 days before the next election.

In Michigan, you can register to vote **by mail** and **in person** by submitting a completed [State of Michigan Voter Registration Application](#) (Form ED-121) to your [city or township clerk](#).

You can also process voter registration at your local [MI SOS branch office](#) when you apply for a driver's license/ID card, or update your address.

Once your form has been processed, your city or township clerk will issue you a MI voter identification card.

NOTE: If you're registering for the first time and submitting your application by mail, you will be required to submit a copy of your [photo identification](#). See the application form for further details.

MI Military and Overseas Voters

If you're currently **living overseas** or **in active military duty**, you may register to vote through the Federal Voting Assistance Program.

Just complete a [Voter Registration and Absentee Ballot Request Federal Post Card Application \(FPCA\)](#) (Form 76) and return it to your [local Michigan election office](#) by **mail**, **e-mail**, or **fax**.

The FPCA allows you to request **absentee ballots** for all elections in the calendar year that you apply.

You will need to re-submit a FPCA every year you are away and every time you change your address.

NOTE: All other voters who are eligible for absentee voting can register using the [standard method outlined above](#). Visit the state's website for [information on requesting your absentee ballot](#).

Absentee Ballots

MI allows residents to vote by absentee ballot if they:

- Are 60 years old or older.
- Require assistance voting at the polls.
- Are incarcerated awaiting arraignment or trial.
- Will be out of town on election day.
- Not able to vote on election day for religious reasons.
- Working as an election inspector outside your precinct of residence.

If you register to vote by mail you are required to vote in person in the first election in which you participate, unless you are an overseas voter, are disabled or are 60 years old or older.

Deadline to Register to Vote in MI

To be eligible to vote in Michigan, you must be registered to vote at least 30 days before the election date.

If you are unable to attend the polling booth on Election Day, you can request an [absentee voter ballot](#). Your request for an absentee ballot must be received by 2 p.m. on the Saturday before the election.

Check Your Michigan Voter Registration Status

To **check the status of your voter registration information** and view a sample ballot for the upcoming elections, visit the [Michigan Voter Information Center](#) on the Secretary of State website.

Change Your Voter Name or Address

You must re-register to vote every time you move to a new city or township in Michigan.

To update the name or address on your voter registration, simply re-submit the [State of Michigan Voter Registration Application](#) (Form ED-121) **by mail** or **in person** to your local [city or township clerk](#) or at a Michigan Secretary of State branch [office](#).

You can also update your information **online** at the [ExpressSOS website](#).