



Ready!

Register to vote.



Remember to check your registration information before your state's voter registration deadline. That could be up to 30 days before the election. This gives you time if you need to re-register or make changes.

Each state makes its own voting rules, including how to confirm your registration. All state election offices and many local election offices have websites with information about voting, including what's on your ballot, where your polling place is located, and how you can request a ballot in the mail. Check with your state or local elections office to get the most detailed and up-to-date information about where you vote.

Contact your local elections office if you have any questions about the identification requirement in your state, or find your state's voter registration requirements here:

<https://www.eac.gov/voters/register-and-vote-in-your-state>



Set!

Find the voting option that works for you.



Voting by mail is one way voters may participate in an election other than in-person at a voting location. This process is also called **absentee voting** in some communities. Each state has its own rules on who can vote by mail. Some states require an excuse to vote by mail, while other states automatically mail every registered voter a ballot before an election. Examples of excuses may include illness, injury, disability, traveling outside of your jurisdiction or locality on Election Day, being a college student, or serving in the military.



In-person voting typically takes place at a polling place on Election Day, but voters may have the option to vote before Election Day at a polling location, vote center, or elections office. Contact your local elections office for more information about upcoming election dates, polling hours, and in-person voting options.



Vote!

Make your plan.



Here are a few things to consider adding to your voting plan:

6 weeks before Election Day

- Check your voter registration status. If you have moved since the last time you voted, make sure your information is up to date.

4 weeks before Election Day

- Decide which voting option works best for you. If you would like to vote by mail (and you are eligible in your state), request your ballot today.

2 weeks before Election Day

- If you are not eligible to vote by mail, or if you prefer to vote in person, check with your local elections office to see if you can vote in-person before Election Day.

Election Day

- Go vote! Check with your local elections office for hours and locations.

What else do I need to know before I vote?

As a voter, you have the right to:



- Vote privately and independently
- Have an accessible polling place with voting machines for voters with disabilities
- Change or correct your ballot before it is cast
- Be provided a provisional ballot if you believe you are in the correct polling place during federal elections (in most states)

Additionally, you may:

- Seek assistance from either workers at your polling place or you may bring someone of your choice to help you cast a ballot (except for your employer or an agent of your union).
- Ask your local election officials about any accessible equipment, aids, or procedures that are available to help you vote.

Local election officials and poll workers are available to help you. Contact your local elections office if you have any questions about the voting process.

The U.S. Election Assistance Commission helps election officials improve the administration of elections and helps Americans participate in the voting process.



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Making a Plan to Vote 101

Election Information for New Voters