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5 THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE ELECTION DAY

1 How do I register to vote?

You can register to vote by downloading a registration form at <http://nj.gov/state/elections/voting-information.html#vrf>. Please fill out the form for your county of residence. Once the form is complete, mail or deliver it to the County Commissioner of Registration or the Superintendent of Elections.

2 How do I verify that I'm registered to vote?

You can verify your voter registration status online at <http://voter.njsvrs.com>, or by calling the Election Protection Hotline at 1.866.OUR.VOTE or the New Jersey Division of Elections at 609.292.3760.

3 When is the voter registration deadline?

You have until October 17 to register to vote.

To register to vote in New Jersey you must be:

- A United States citizen.
- At least 17 years old, although you must be 18 or older to vote.
- A resident of the county for 30 days before the election.
- Not currently serving a sentence, or on parole or probation because of a felony conviction.

For information on how to register to vote visit www.njelections.org or call the New Jersey Division of Elections at 609.292.3760.

4 Can I register to vote if I have a felony conviction?

Yes, but only if you have completed your entire sentence, including parole and probation. You must re-register even if you were registered prior to conviction. Individuals detained in jail awaiting trial or serving time for a misdemeanor are eligible to register and vote by Mail-In Ballot. If you are unable to vote because of a felony conviction please contact the Institute Communications Director Elizabeth Weill-Greenberg at ewgreenberg@njisj.org.

5 Can I vote before Election Day?

You can vote before Election Day by casting a Mail-In Ballot by mail or in person. Anyone can apply for a Mail-In Ballot in New Jersey. To receive your ballot by mail, the application must be received by the County Clerk by October 31. A voter may also apply for a Mail-In Ballot in person to the County Clerk until 3:00 PM, the day before the election. A Mail-In Ballot must be received by the County Clerk by 8:00 PM on Election Day. For more information or to apply for a Mail-In Ballot, visit www.njelections.org or call the New Jersey Division of Elections at 609.292.3760.

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, October 17:

Voter Registration Deadline for General Election

Tuesday, October 31:

Deadline to apply for a Mail-In Ballot by Mail for General Election

Monday, November 6 – by 3:00 PM:

Deadline for In-Person Mail-In Ballot Applications for General Election

Tuesday, November 7:

General Election. Polls open from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM.



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1 Where is my polling place?

You can look up your polling place online at <http://voter.njsvrs.com> or by calling the Election Protection Hotline at 1.866.OUR.VOTE or the New Jersey Division of Elections at 609.292.3760. The polls are open from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM. You have the right to vote if you are in line or inside the polling place when the polls close.

2 Do I need to show photo identification to vote?

No. New Jersey law does not require voters to present a photo ID before being able to vote. However, if you did not provide identification when you registered to vote (e.g., your driver's license number, non-driver identification number, or the last four digits of your social security number) or the county commissioner was unable to verify your identification information, you must show some form of identification at the polling place when you go to vote. Acceptable forms of ID include, but are not limited to:

- Any current and valid photo ID, such as a New Jersey Driver's License, military or government ID, student or job ID, store membership card, or US passport; or
- A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, car registration, government check, rent receipt, or other official document that contains the name and address of the voter.

If you don't have any of these forms of ID, you may still cast a provisional ballot. However, you must submit a copy of your ID to your county election office before the close of business on the second day after the election for your ballot to be counted.

3 What if I believe I am registered to vote but am told my name is not on the voter rolls?

Confirm that you are at the correct polling place and ask the poll worker to double-check the voter list. If the poll worker still cannot find your name and you are sure you are registered and in the correct polling place, you are entitled to cast a provisional ballot. You can also check your registration status online at <http://voter.njsvrs.com> or by calling the Election Protection Hotline at 1.866.OUR.VOTE.

4 What if I am offered a provisional ballot?

A provisional ballot is a paper ballot used to record your vote when there is an unresolved question about your eligibility to vote. It will only be counted if your eligibility is later verified and should only be used as a last resort. You should never be turned away from a polling place just because poll workers are not sure whether you are eligible to vote. Be sure to ask the poll worker what steps, if any, you must take to make sure your provisional ballot is counted.

5 What if I need help?

Voters with disabilities and voters who are blind or unable to read and write, including voters needing language assistance, may choose anyone to assist them, except for their employer, an agent of their employer, an officer of their union, or an agent of their union.



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