

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Can 17-year-olds register to vote in Pennsylvania?

Yes, if your birthday is the day of the election or before. As long as you are 18 by Election Primary day you can vote.

Q. Can students who are not US citizens vote?

No, you must be a US citizen to vote. Green card holders are not US citizens. See <https://my.uscis.gov/en/prep/test/civics/view> to take the Civics Practice Test of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

Q. Can I register to vote online?

Anyone who is eligible to vote can use the online form. If you do not have a Pennsylvania Driver's license or PennDOT ID card you will need to provide a signature by uploading a digital image to submit with the voter registration form. See www.register.votespa.com for online voter registration.

Q. Can I register by mail?

Yes. You can print, sign, and mail the voter registration application to your county voter registration office.

Q. Can I vote by mail-in ballot?

Yes. You can request an annual mail-in ballot by checking the request box on your voter registration form. Your completed ballot for the Municipal Primary must be received by 8:00PM on 5/18/2021.

Q. Where can I get a mail-in voter registration form?

Mail-in forms are available at the voter registration office, or forms can be downloaded and printed. Download a voter registration application at www.votespa.com.

Q. Do I need an ID to vote?

Yes. When voting for the first time, you must show proof of identification, either with a photo or not. Approved forms include a Pennsylvania driver's license, PennDOT ID card, or Student ID. You can also use a non-photo identification that includes your name and address. See www.votespa.com for a complete list.

Q. Can I track my online voter registration application?

Yes. Once you submit your online voter registration application, you will get an application tracking number. Track your application at www.votespa.com > **Check Your Voter Registration Status.**

Q. Will I receive a voter registration card?

When you are officially registered, the county voter registration office will mail your voter registration card to your residence.

Q. Once I am registered, can I vote anywhere I want?

No. Your polling place will be printed on your voter registration card. Information and any changes also available at www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/pages/pollingplaceinfo.aspx

Q. If I register as an independent, can I vote in the primary election?

No. Pennsylvania is a closed primary state. You must be either a Democrat or Republican to vote in those Primary Elections. **But** all other voters, independent and third parties, can vote on questions that may be on the Primary Ballot.

Q. What happens if I go to college? Can I vote at either place?

No. You can only be registered in one place but you have a choice of where to register and vote, where you live while attending college in PA or your prior home address. Information at www.votespa.com/Voting-in-PA/Pages/College-Student.aspx

