



Vermont Office of the Secretary of State Guide to Registering Voters

Registration Deadline

Eligible residents may register on any day up to and including the day of the election.
17 V.S.A. §2144

Who Can Register in Vermont?

In order to register in Vermont, by Election Day, a person must:

- Be a United States citizen
(not just have a Green Card)
- Be a Vermont resident
- Be 18 years of age or older

Vermonters Can Now Register Online at <https://olvr.vermont.gov>

6 Easy Steps to Help Register Voters

1. The applicant must carefully complete the Vermont Application for Addition to the Checklist!

The Application for Addition to the Checklist must be completed in full before anyone can be added to the Voter Registration Checklist. Registration is now also available online at <https://olvr.vermont.gov>. The same information is required to register online as is required to register using the paper application. If a person will be 18 on or before the day of the General Election, they may register and vote in the Primary.

Please carefully read the instructions!

Failure to include required information on a voter application could result in delays that might negatively impact the voter.

2. Vermont Driver's License # or non-driver ID # or, IF NONE, then the last four digits of social security number.

Federal law requires new registrants to provide a Vermont driver's license number or non-driver personal ID number issued by VT DMV. If a person does not have a VT driver's license or a VT non-driver state identification number, then the last four digits of the applicant's social security number (SSN) must be used. To use the last four digits of the SSN, the applicant must swear on the Application, under penalty of perjury, that he or she does not have a VT driver's license. (An applicant cannot use the last 4 digits of the SSN just because it is easy to remember, and the driver's license must be looked up in his or her wallet.) The law is clear that the VT driver's license number or non-driver personal ID number **MUST** be used if the applicant has one. Do not write in an out-of-state driver's license number.

If a person does not have a Vermont driver's license, non-driver state identification, or SSN, please contact the Elections Division of the Office of the Secretary of State at (800) 439-VOTE (8683).

3. Take oath.

To register to vote in Vermont for the first time, a person must take the voter's oath. The oath appears on the voter registration form. The voter's oath can now be administered by any person over 18 or may be self-administered by the voter. If an applicant is 17 years old, they cannot take the oath until they reach the age of 18. They must take the oath before voting in the General Election.

If a person is already registered to vote in Vermont, but is registering in a new town, the voter does not have to take the oath again!

4. Applicant keeps yellow copy for proof of submission.

The person registering to vote should keep the yellow copy of the Application. The applicant should bring this copy to the polls. This can be used as proof that an application was submitted.

5. Submit completed form to town clerk.

The form may be submitted in person or by mail. If you are registering people to vote as part of a voter registration drive, you can either give the entire multi-part form to the voter to submit to the town clerk or you can submit the application on behalf of the voter to the town clerk where the voter resides. (If you are submitting the forms to the town clerks, please give the yellow copy of the application to the person registering to vote.) **Mail does NOT reach all towns in one day in Vermont. If mailing forms to clerks, allow at least 10 days for delivery (better safe than sorry).** The application must be received by the town clerk by the day before the election or the applicant will be required to register at the polling place.

If you are submitting applications following a voter registration drive, as a courtesy to our town and city clerks, please submit the forms as soon as possible after they are completed by the voters – it is extremely helpful to the clerks to get all applicants added to the checklist as far in advance of the election as possible.

If you would like to use the online registration system as part of a voter registration drive, please contact the Elections Division at (802) 828-2363 for a URL that is unique to voter registration drives.

6. Notice to voter.

The town or city clerk may notify the applicant in writing if the person has been added to the checklist, and must notify them if the application is denied, including the reason. An applicant for addition to the checklist may appeal this decision to the local Board of Civil Authority. To find out whether an application has been received, contact the Town or City Clerk. For a list of clerks and contact information, go to: tinyurl.com/vtclerks

THANK YOU for giving your time to register new voters in Vermont. Please follow the above instructions so that voter registration is a positive experience for all citizens. We sincerely appreciate your efforts.

**Vermonters Can Now Register Online at <https://olvr.vermont.gov/>
Or To Check Voter Status Go To <https://mvp.vermont.gov/>**

Elections Division Staff can provide additional voter application forms or answer questions for you. Please call for additional forms, or questions about voter registration procedures or residency requirements. Our toll-free number from 7:45 to 4:30 is (800) 439-8683.