



HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE?

WHO & HOW CAN REGISTER

New Hampshire residents who are at least 18 years of age must demonstrate proof of residency and register with the Town Clerk or the Supervisors of the Checklist on Election Day or at the posted Supervisor's meetings in order to exercise the right to vote. Come in to the office and fill out a NH Voter Registration Form, bring along your ID (driver's license, or passport, or birth certificate) and proof of residency. In NH, no one is permitted to register to vote after ten (10) days prior to an election, except on Election Day. This allows the Supervisors of the Checklist time to update and print the Checklist that will be used at the polls on Election Day.

There is no minimum period of time you are required to have lived in the state before being allowed to register. You may register as soon as you move into your new community. If you are a naturalized citizen you must bring in proof of when and where.

CHOOSING A POLITICAL PARTY

When registering to vote, you will not be required to register as a member of a political party (republican or democratic) ...you may register as an undeclared voter. If you are registered as an undeclared voter and go to vote in a state primary election, you will be required to choose a party when accepting a ballot. Voters should be aware of their party status before a primary election. If you voted on a party ballot in a state primary election, you are now a registered member of that party **unless you filled out a card or signed a list to return to undeclared status** with the supervisors of the checklist.

If you are unsure of your party affiliation, you should contact your Town Clerk, as they have the records of party membership. The State of New Hampshire provides an on-line voter registration portal for registered voters to look up their current party affiliation. If you are a party member and wish to change your registration status, initiate such a change by taking one of the following steps:

State Primary

Meet with the Supervisors of the Checklist no later than the last day to change your political party before the state primary election, or register the change with your town or city clerk by or before that date. ***This is the last day to change your party affiliation before the primary. It is also the last day to register to vote if you wish to file as a candidate for the state primary election.*** If you are a registered member of a party, you may change your registration at any Primary, however, **you will not be allowed to vote in that primary.** Undeclared voters may declare a party and vote at any primary. The law allows an undeclared voter to declare a party at the polls, vote the ballot of that party, and then change their party affiliation back to undeclared simply by completing the form available from the Supervisors of the Checklist at the polling place



HOW TO GET AN ABSENTEE BALLOT?

ABSENTEE REGISTRATION

If you meet the state's voter requirements and qualifications, and are unable to register in person because of physical disability, religious beliefs, military service, or because of temporary absence, you may register by mail. You should request an absentee voter registration affidavit and a standard voter registration form from the Town Clerk's office. The absentee voter registration affidavit must be witnessed and then **both** the affidavit and the voter registration form are to be returned to your Town Clerk.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS – Requests for

Absentee ballots are available from your town or city clerk approximately 30 days prior to an election. Request the absentee ballot application from the Clerk; or, if you wish, you may submit a request in writing which should include your full name, legal address, the election you are requesting a ballot for and the reason you are unable to vote in person. This must be signed and dated. Don't forget your name, voting address, mailing address and your signature.

An application for an absentee ballot may be transmitted by facsimile to a Town Clerk.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS – Return of

Clerks may accept completed absentee ballots submitted in **person by the voter** until 5:00 p.m. the day before an election or until 5:00 p.m. on Election Day if received through the mail.

A marked absentee ballot may NOT be transmitted by facsimile to a town or city clerk.

UOCAVA VOTERS

UNIFORMED SERVICES VOTERS – An absent uniformed service voter may apply for an absentee ballot from the town or city in which he or she was domiciled immediately prior to entering the service. Uniformed service voters are eligible to vote for all offices.

VOTERS TEMPORARILY RESIDING OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES – Any person who is temporarily residing outside the United States has the right to vote in the town or city in which he or she was domiciled immediately prior to his or her departure. Temporarily absent voters are eligible to vote for all offices.

FEDERAL BALLOT ONLY VOTERS – Any United States Citizen, who is domiciled outside the United States has the right to register and vote absentee for any federal office (President, United States Senator, United States Representative) in the town or city in New Hampshire in which they or a parent or legal guardian had their domicile immediately prior to their departure from the United States, even though the person no longer maintains a domicile in said city or town and even though their intent to return is uncertain.

UOCAVA voters should use the Federal Post Card Application Form [[FPCA](#)] to apply for an absentee ballot and/or register to vote. The UOCAVA voter may choose to have his or her absentee ballot delivered either by mail or electronic transmission. Absentee ballots for UOCAVA voters are available 45 days prior to a state election.