

Voter FAQ:

Q: Does everyone who wants to vote in Ohio have to be registered to vote here?

A: Yes.

Q: Am I registered to vote?

A: If you are unsure if you are registered to vote, you may check your voter information by performing a [Voter Lookup Search](#). If the search does not return your information, please contact the Trumbull County Board of Elections to check your registration status.

Q: What are the qualifications to register and vote in Ohio?

A: You are qualified to register to vote in Ohio if you meet all the following requirements:

1. You are a citizen of the United States;
2. You will be at least 18 years old on or before the day of the general election. (If you will be 18 on or before November 8, you may vote in the primary election for candidates, but you cannot vote on issues until you are 18);
3. You will be a resident of Ohio for at least 30 consecutive days immediately before the election in which you want to vote;
4. You are not incarcerated (in prison or jail) for a felony conviction under the laws of this state, another state or the United States;
5. You have not been declared incompetent for voting purposes by a probate court; and
6. You have not been permanently disenfranchised for violations of the election laws.

Q: How do I register to vote?

A: You may register online to vote at [VoteOhio.gov](#). You may also contact the Trumbull County Board of Elections or the Ohio Secretary of State to mail a registration form to you.

You may obtain a registration application in person, or register in person, at any of the following locations:

- The office of the Ohio Secretary of State
- The office of the Trumbull County Board of Elections
- The office of the Registrar or any Deputy Registrar of the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles
- Public Libraries
- Public High Schools or Vocational Schools
- County Treasurer's Office
- Offices of designated agencies including: The Department of Job and Family Services; The Department of Health (including the Women, Infants and Children program); The Department of Human Services; The Department of Behavioral Health; The Department of Developmental Disabilities; Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities; Any state-assisted college or university.

When you have completed your voter registration application, please review it carefully for completeness and accuracy.

Your voter registration may either be personally delivered or sent by U.S. Mail to the county board of elections or the Secretary of State's office.

You, or another person acting on your behalf, also may deliver your application to one of the offices listed above, but you should ensure your application reaches the office of a board of elections or the Secretary of State within 10 days and no later than the voter registration deadline for the election at which you want to vote.

Q: What are the Ohio voter registration deadlines?

A: Ohio law requires registration at least 30 days before an election. If the deadline falls on a Sunday or legal holiday, it extends to the next business day.

Q: Who can vote by absentee ballot?

A: Any registered Trumbull County voter with up-to-date information can vote absentee. No reason is required to vote absentee in Ohio.

Q: What is the application process for obtaining an absentee ballot?

A: Ohio law provides separate application processes for different classifications of absentee voters (i.e., state militia, uniformed services, overseas, and regular citizens). In all cases, absentee ballots must be applied for in writing. If you are properly registered to vote, you must submit your written request to the board of elections of the county in which your voting residence is located. For information on voting rights of U.S. citizens living outside the U.S., see [Military and Overseas Voting](#). If you are a regular absentee voter, you may use the [absentee voter application \(PDF\)](#) prescribed by the Secretary of State (Form 11-A) to apply for your absentee ballot.

Q: What is the deadline to request an absentee ballot?

A: The deadline to request an absentee ballot is 8:30 PM seven days prior to Election Day.

Q: What is the deadline to return my absentee ballot?

A: Your completed absentee ballot must be received by the Board of Elections by 7:30 PM on Election Day.

Q: What if I request an absentee ballot but then decide to vote at my polling place on Election Day?

A: If you request an absentee ballot and later decide to vote in person on Election Day, you must cast a provisional ballot. Your vote will be counted once election officials confirm that your mailed absentee ballot was not returned or counted.

Q: What Is a Provisional Ballot?

A: A provisional ballot is used when there's uncertainty about a voter's eligibility. The ballot looks the same as a regular one, but it's set aside until election officials confirm that you're eligible to vote and voted in the correct precinct. Once verified, your vote is counted in the official results.

Q: Why would I be required to vote a Provisional Ballot?

A: You may be required to cast a provisional ballot on Election Day if:

- Your name does not appear in the pollbook for your precinct.

- An election official cannot confirm your eligibility to vote.
- You don't have valid photo identification.
- You don't have valid photo identification due to a religious objection to being photographed.
- You are listed as having already requested an absentee ballot.
- Mail from election officials to your registered address was returned as undeliverable.
- You changed your name and/or moved to a different precinct without updating your address by the voter registration deadline.
- You changed your name and don't have proof of the legal name change.
- You received a confirmation notice due to a database mismatch in your registration information, and you failed to provide the requested information more than 14 days before the election.

Q: Where do I vote on Election Day?

A: Trumbull County Board of Elections will assign you a precinct and polling location based on the address on your voter registration.

- When you register, your Trumbull County board sends a notice listing your polling location.
- If you did not receive or misplaced your notice, you can [look up your polling place online](#) or contact Trumbull County Board of Elections.
- If you've moved without updating your registration, contact the board for guidance to ensure you receive the correct ballot for your new residence.
- The Board of Elections is not your polling location on Election Day. You **must** go to your assigned polling location to cast a ballot on Election Day.

Q: What are the voting hours on Election Day?

A: All polling places in Ohio are open from 6:30 AM to 7:30 PM on Election Day. As long as you are in line by 7:30 PM, you have the right to vote.

Q: What type of ID do I need to bring to the polls?

A. There are several types of valid photo identification:

- Ohio driver's license;
- State of Ohio ID card;
- Interim ID form issued by the Ohio BMV;
- A US passport;
- A US passport card;
- US military ID card;
- Ohio National Guard ID card; or
- US Department of Veterans Affairs ID card

All photo IDs must have the following:

- An expiration date that has not passed;
- A photograph of the voter;

- The voter's name, which must substantially conform to the voter's name as it appears in the pollbook.

NOTICE: An unexpired Ohio Driver License, State ID Card, or Interim Documentation with your former address **IS** an acceptable form of ID when your current address is in the pollbook.

Voters who do not provide one of these documents will still be able to vote by provisional ballot.

Q: How do I change my political party?

A: Under Ohio Law, your party affiliation is determined by the ballot you vote in a Primary Election.

Q: How do I cancel my voter registration?

A: Voters may request to cancel their voter registration by submitting a written request to the Board of Elections. The form to cancel your voter registration can be found online at the following link:

[Cancellation of Voter Registration \(PDF\)](#)