

VOTER REGISTRATION IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

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New Hampshire law does not allow third-party registration or voter registration drives.

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINES

- New Hampshire allows Election Day registration. Applications to register before Election Day must be received by the day of the local election officials' last check-list meeting, which occurs 6-13 days before Election Day. Check with your local clerk for the exact date.

HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE

See the state's guide to voter registration for the most up-to-date and thorough information:
sos.nh.gov/elections/register-vote

There are three primary ways to register to vote in New Hampshire:

- **Register in person at your town or city clerk's office.**
- **Register in person with your community's Supervisors of the Checklist.** By law, the Supervisors of the Checklist are required to meet on a day 6-13 days prior to each election. Check the local newspaper or call your clerk's office for the date and time of such meeting.
- **Register at your polling place on Election Day.**

Only voters who cannot apply in person because they are temporarily out of town or have a disability that prevents them from applying in person can use absentee registration (register by mail).

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS TO REGISTER

An individual is eligible to vote if they are:

- At least 18 years old by Election Day,
- A U.S. citizen, and
- Domiciled in the city or town where the person is registering to vote (there is no minimum period of time required to have lived in the state to establish domicile for voter registration).

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

All voters must show documents to prove their identity, age, citizenship, and domicile. Proof can be satisfied by the following documents:

Proof of Identity: State driver's license or state ID, U.S. passport/card, New Hampshire voter ID card, local or state government photo ID, or other reasonable evidence BUT NOT a student ID.

Proof of Age: Any reasonable documentation indicating you will be 18 years of age or older on the date of the next election, such as a driver's license or state ID, U.S. passport/card, U.S. birth certificate, or voter ID card.

Proof of Citizenship: A U.S. birth certificate, U.S. passport/card, naturalization document, or other state department-issued citizenship document satisfies proof of citizenship.

- Voters may also prove citizenship by showing proof that a person was previously or is currently registered to vote in New Hampshire.
- Citizenship may also be proven by completing a qualified voter affidavit attesting, subject to the penalties for voter fraud, that the voter is a United States citizen but does not possess some or all of the documents necessary to prove their citizenship.



REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION CONTINUED

Proof of Domicile: If you have it you must provide one of:

- New Hampshire driver's license or other ID card issued by the New Hampshire Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) showing your current domicile address;
- New Hampshire resident vehicle registration if the listed address matches the domicile address on your voter registration form;
- Photo ID issued by the U.S. government that contains a current address; or
- Government-issued check, benefit statement, or tax document with a current address.

If the voter does not have any of those forms, they may provide any reasonable documentation showing that the person is domiciled in the city or town in which they wish to register, **along with** completing a form attesting they do not have the above forms of proof of domicile.

Other reasonable documentation that can be provided along with the attestation form can include:

- A document from the school the student attends showing they live in campus housing, including showing the election official a page (from a phone or other electronic device) from the institution's official website showing the dorm assignment or off-campus residence address;
- A rental/lease agreement, or similar document that shows the voter's name and the address of the domicile;
- A public utility bill showing the voter's name and domicile address on it;
- Any state or federal tax form, other government form, or government ID that shows your name and domicile address;
- A completed Confirmation of Domicile form, which is signed by the property owner, manager, or tenant of the address at which the applicant resides, and found here: sos.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt561/files/inline-documents/sonh/confirmation-of-domicile-2024-hb1569.pdf; or
- A completed Homeless Confirmation of Domicile form, which can be found here: sos.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt561/files/inline-documents/sonh/homeless-confirmation-of-domicile-2024-hb1569.pdf

OBTAINING APPLICATIONS

Applications to register to vote must generally be obtained and filled out in person. If you qualify to register to vote by absentee, you should request the applicable absentee voter registration affidavit and voter registration form from your town or city clerk. You can find contact information for your local clerk at app.sos.nh.gov/clerkinformation, and more information about the absentee voter registration process at sos.nh.gov/elections/register-vote/absentee-voter-registration

The absentee registration process is limited and still requires documentary proof of qualifications. The absentee voter registration affidavit must be witnessed. Both the affidavit and the voter registration form as well as proof of New Hampshire voter qualifications are to be returned to your town or city clerk.

Supervisors of the Checklist must review and approve your application. You are registered to vote when the supervisors approve the application. Supervisors of the checklist are required to meet on a date 6 to 13 days before the election and then on election day at the polls to correct the voter checklist. If you return your absentee voter registration forms before the meeting scheduled 6 to 13 days ahead of the election, your application will be reviewed at that meeting. If you return your registration after that meeting and by the absentee deadlines, your application will be reviewed on election day.

The federal registration form instructions state that New Hampshire town and city clerks will only accept the federal form as a request for the state's absentee voter mail-in registration form, which only some voters are qualified to use. Find the federal form here: eac.gov/voters/national-mail-voter-registration-form/

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