

Step 1: Register to Vote

Every New Hampshire citizen, 18 years and older, has the Constitutional right to vote. You don't have to live in your town or in NH for any set length of time to vote. 17 year olds may register if they will be 18 by the time of the next scheduled election.

If you are already registered in your town, you don't have to register again.

Where to Register to Vote

- At your town or city clerk's office up to 6-13 days before any election.
- With the Supervisors of the Checklist. They must meet 6-13 days before each election. Call your clerk's office for the place and time of the meeting.
- At the polling place on Election Day. This can take extra time during major elections.

What to Bring with You to Register

If you can, when you go to register bring a driver's license, passport, or other photo ID. Also bring something that shows where you live, such as a utility bill addressed to you or property tax bill.

If you don't have these documents, you will be allowed to sign a statement attesting to your identity, age, citizenship, or domicile.

The registration form asks for your name, age, place of birth, and where you live now.

If you were registered somewhere else before, you'll be asked for your previous voting address.

The form also asks for a driver's license ID number or the last four digits of your Social Security number.

You'll be asked to read and sign a statement saying you understand voting fraud is a crime.

Can You Register Absentee?

If you can't register in person due to disability, religious beliefs, military service, or temporary absence, you may register by mail.

Ask your town or city clerk for an absentee voter registration affidavit and a standard voter registration form. The affidavit must be witnessed and both documents returned to your clerk's office at least 10 days before an election.

Political Parties

You may choose a political party on the voter registration form. If you choose a party, you may vote in only that party's primary election.

The deadline for changing from one party to another is set by the Secretary of State, usually just before the filing period for primary elections.

If you choose to be an undeclared voter, you can decide which party you wish to vote for in a primary election. You may return to undeclared status by filling out a card before leaving the polling place.

For more information, visit the Secretary of State's webpage:

<http://sos.nh.gov/RegVote.aspx>

Step 2: Vote !

Absentee Voting

If you're a registered voter but you can't vote in person because of disability, religious beliefs, work hours, military service, or temporary absence, you may ask your city or town clerk for an absentee ballot application in advance of the election. Your town clerk may have forms online you can fill out and send back.

For state elections you may download a form at

<http://sos.nh.gov/ElectForms.aspx> or by putting the same information in a written request. Send to your town or city clerk.

When you get your ballot in the mail, fill it out and mail it back to your town or city clerk.

The clerk must receive your ballot by 5 pm of Election Day. Ballots may not be faxed, but may be hand-delivered on election day by the voter's parent, spouse, sibling or child to the town clerk. The person returning the absentee ballot shall complete a form and provide proper ID before the clerk will accept the ballot.

Voting in Person

If possible, show a valid photo ID to the Ballot Clerk at the polls. You need only one ID!

Acceptable photo IDs for 2016 include the following:

* For voters over 65 years old, no expiration date restriction applies.

- Driver's license from NH or any other state (current or expired no more than 5 years*);
- Non-driver's photo ID issued by NH DMV;
- US armed services ID card;
- US passport or passcard (current or expired no more than 5 years*);
- Valid student ID card;

- Other photo ID acceptable to the moderator, supervisor of the checklist, or town clerk;
- Verification of a person's identity by the moderator, supervisor of the checklist or town or city clerk.

If you don't have a photo ID listed above, you will still be able to get a ballot by signing an affidavit saying you are who you claim to be.

Your Vote is Your Voice! Every Vote Counts!

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Information for new citizens in Spanish, Portuguese, and Nepali are on the LWVNH.org elections page.

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What You Need to Know About Voting in NH

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Just two easy steps:

**Register
and
Vote**



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