

Voting in New Hampshire in 2026 (for Sept & Nov. elections)

Every New Hampshire resident who is a US citizen, 18 years old and up, has the Constitutional right to vote.

Step 1: Register to Vote

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

Not sure? Check your registration here: app.sos.nh.gov/voterinformation

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Where to Register to Vote

At your town or city clerk's office before the election. **Or** register at your polling place on Election Day.

What to Bring with You to Register

- A driver's license, passport, or other government issued photo ID to prove identity & age.
- Car registration, lease, tax or utility bill or government mail to prove where you live.
- **First time NH registrants only:** Bring a passport, birth certificate or naturalization papers to prove citizenship. You may also need a document such as marriage license to link the names on your birth certificate or naturalization papers with your current photo ID. *(Note: court has ruled that if you don't have access to your citizenship papers, you may sign an affidavit to prove that you are a citizen.)*

May I Register Absentee?

If you can't register in person because of **disability** or **temporary absence**, you may register absentee. *Call your town or city clerk for information.*

Note: New Hampshire does not have online voter registration.

For more information:

www.sos.nh.gov/elections
or LWVNH.org

Step 2: Vote

Voting in Person

You must show a government-issued photo ID to the Ballot Clerk at the polls. You need to show **only one ID.**

Acceptable photo IDs include

- Driver's license (NH or any state);
- Non-driver's photo ID issued by Department of Motor Vehicles;
- US armed services ID card;
- US passport or passcard;
- *If you are over 65, it's okay if the ID is out of date.*
- **Or** you may be identified by the moderator or other elected official.

For voters with vision or writing disabilities, polling places have accessible voting systems available.

Voting Absentee

You may vote absentee if you can't get to the polls because of a **disability** or **illness**, **temporary absence**, **work hours** (includes caring for others even if you aren't paid), **religious observance**, or **military service.**

Ask your city or town clerk for an **absentee ballot application.** Do this well in advance. Mail can be slow.

To get an absentee ballot you

must show a government issued photo ID

OR include a copy of your photo ID with your application **OR** have your signature on the application notarized.

(this new requirement started in 2025)

Return the application to your town clerk.

If a **national weather advisory** is issued for your area on election day, you may vote in person, by absentee ballot, at your town clerk's office up to 5 pm the day before.