



## WHAT'S NEW

If you are renewing or receiving your state driver's license or state ID at a Department of Transportation site, you will automatically be taken through the voter registration process unless you opt out.

The state has introduced redesigned mail-in ballot materials. Changes include revised instructions for completing and returning your ballot and color coded envelopes.

## WHAT ELSE YOU NEED TO KNOW

### How can I register to vote?

Go to [vote.pa.gov/register](https://vote.pa.gov/register).

**Online:** Complete the form. Include your Pennsylvania driver's license or PennDOT ID card number. If you do not have either type of ID, use the last four digits of your Social Security number.

**By mail:** Choose the link that says, "Click here to download a blank voter registration form." Print, fill out and return your completed form to your county elections office. Find locations on page 2.

**In person:** Visit your county's voter registration office or area agency on aging location, marriage license bureau or other locations that can be found by going to [vote.pa.gov](https://vote.pa.gov) and selecting Registering to Vote.

Voter registration is automatically offered at a PennDOT photo or driver's license center when you get or update your Pennsylvania driver's license or state ID.

All registration forms must be received by Monday, Oct. 21.

### How can I get a mail-in or absentee ballot?

Pennsylvania treats mail-in ballots differently than absentee ballots. Any registered voter can request a mail-in ballot without a reason. Absentee ballots are reserved for voters who have a disability or illness, or who will be out of town on Election Day.

**IMPORTANT:** As of press time, election issues were still being contested in some states. Before voting, AARP recommends confirming details with the secretary of the commonwealth's elections division by visiting [vote.pa.gov](https://vote.pa.gov) or calling 877-868-3772. Or scan the code to the right. More updates at [aarp.org/pavotes](https://aarp.org/pavotes).



# PENNSYLVANIA

## HOW TO VOTE IN THE 2024 ELECTION

### KEY DATES

**Deadline to register to vote**  
Monday, Oct. 21

**Deadline to apply for a mail-in or absentee ballot**  
Tuesday, Oct. 29, at 5 p.m.

**Deadline to return mail-in or absentee ballot**  
Tuesday, Nov. 5, at 8 p.m.

**Election Day**  
Tuesday, Nov. 5;  
polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.



All applications must be received by Tuesday, Oct. 29, at 5 p.m. To apply for either:

**Online:** At [vote.pa.gov/mailballot](https://vote.pa.gov/mailballot), select Apply for a mail ballot and follow the prompts. You'll need a current, valid Pennsylvania driver's license or PennDOT photo ID card number. If you don't have either, include the last four digits of your Social Security number.

**By mail:** Go to [vote.pa.gov/mailballot](https://vote.pa.gov/mailballot), click Apply for a mail ballot and download an application form. Or request an application from your county elections board, or by emailing [ra-voterreg@pa.gov](mailto:ra-voterreg@pa.gov) or calling 877-868-3772.

You must include an acceptable form of ID, such as your driver's license, a photocopy of your U.S. passport or U.S. military ID. Find a list at [vote.pa.gov/mailballot](https://vote.pa.gov/mailballot) and scroll down to Identification for Mail Voting.

**In person:** Visit your elections office or satellite election office to apply.

### How can I return a mail-in or absentee ballot?

Your completed ballot must be sealed in

the provided inner secrecy envelope, and the voter's declaration on the outside of the outer envelope must be signed and dated.

Return your ballot to your county elections office, a secure drop box or satellite office by 8 p.m. on Election Day, Nov. 5. Check with your elections office for locations. You must return your own ballot, unless you are a voter with a disability who has designated someone else, or you are requesting an emergency ballot. At [vote.pa.gov/mailballot](https://vote.pa.gov/mailballot), scroll down to Last Minute Emergencies.

### What about military and overseas voters?

At [vote.pa.gov](https://vote.pa.gov), click on Mail-in and Absentee Ballot (under Voting Information), then Military and Overseas Voters (on the left).

### What if I have a disability?

Go to [vote.pa.gov](https://vote.pa.gov) and click the Accessible Voting link.

### Can I track my absentee ballot?

Yes, go to [pavoterservices.pa.gov](https://pavoterservices.pa.gov) and select Election Ballot Status.

### Can I vote in person before Election Day?

You can cast an absentee or mail ballot at your county elections office until Tuesday, Oct. 29, at 5 p.m.

### When is Election Day?

Tuesday, Nov. 5. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

### Do I need ID to vote on Election Day?

Only first-time voters need to show an approved ID—such as a state driver's license, U.S. passport or current bank statement. For a list of valid IDs, go to [vote.pa.gov](https://vote.pa.gov), select Register to Vote and choose Voter ID for First Time Voters. —*Elissa Chudwin*

## RACES TO WATCH

- U.S. President
- U.S. Senate: 1 of 2 seats
- U.S. House: All 17 seats
- State Senate: 25 of 50 seats
- State House: All 203 seats
- State Attorney General
- State Treasurer

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