

VOTER REGISTRATION

Qualifications for Registration

- You are a citizen of the United States
- You are a resident of North Carolina and Polk County for 30 days before the election
- You are at least 18 years old by the next general election
- If you have been convicted of a felony, your rights of citizenship have been restored

How and Where to Register

If the qualifications are met, you must simply fill out a Voter Registration Application. These forms are available at the County Board of Elections office. Forms may be requested by mail, phone, email, in-person, or downloaded on the internet. You may also apply to register at other government agencies including:

- Public assistance agencies
- Agencies serving persons with disabilities
- Armed Forces recruitment offices
- Department of Motor Vehicles
- Libraries

Deadlines to Register to Vote in North Carolina

The deadline to register to vote in this State is 25 days before the day of the election. Forms that are received by the county board of elections office or postmarked by the deadline are accepted as valid applications for the upcoming election. Also, agency and DMV voter registration transactions that are completed by the deadline are accepted as valid for the upcoming election. Applicants will be notified by the county board of elections of their precinct and polling place assignments.

Individuals who miss the registration deadline, if qualified, may register in person and then vote at a one-stop voting site in the person's county of residence during the one-stop absentee voting period, which begins the third Thursday before an election and goes through the last Saturday before an election.

Verification

After submitting the application information, the Board of Elections will mail you a Voter ID Card listing your precinct, polling site, districts, and other election information. You may keep this card as a reference, but it is not a requirement for voting.

Re-registration

You do not need to register before every election. If you have not moved and you vote at least once every 4 years, you are qualified to vote in all elections in which you are eligible.

Registration Changes

If you need to change your name, address, or affiliation for voting purposes, simply fill out a new registration form and return it to the Board of Elections at least 25 days before an election.

You cannot transfer your registration to another county or state. When you move you will need to register at your new location. Cancellation of your prior registration will be part of that process.

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