

GENERAL INFORMATION


VOTER ELIGIBILITY

You can register to vote in Ohio if you meet all of these conditions:

- You are a citizen of the United States.
- You will be at least 18 years old on or before the day of the next general election.
- You have been a resident of Ohio for at least 30 days before the election in which you want to vote.
- You are not in jail or in prison for a felony under the laws of Ohio, another state or the United States.
- A probate court has not said that you do not have the right to vote.
- You have not been convicted of violating an election law and you have not been told that you are no longer allowed to vote.



REGISTERING TO VOTE



In order to vote, you must register. To register, you must fill out a registration form. You can get a registration form in several ways:

Over the Internet

Go to the Secretary of State's Web site at www.sos.state.oh.us. Print out a voter registration form to fill out.

By phone

Call the board of elections in your county or the Secretary of State's office at (614) 466-2585 or (877) 767-6446 (toll free). Ask them to mail a registration form to you.

In person

Register in person at any of these locations:

- The Secretary of State's office or any of the 88 county boards of elections
- The office of any Deputy Registrar of the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles

- Any of the following offices and organizations:
 - o The Department of Job and Family Services
 - o The Department of Health – Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program
 - o The Department of Mental Health
 - o The Department of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities

- o The Rehabilitation Services Commission

- o Any state-assisted college or university that helps students with disabilities

- Public libraries

- Public high schools or vocational schools

- County treasurers' offices

After you have obtained and filled out the voter registration form, please check it carefully. Then you should:



- Mail or bring it to your county board of elections, the Secretary of State's office, one of the offices or organizations listed above, a public high school or vocational school, or the county treasurer's office.
- Have another person deliver it for you to a county board of elections office or the Secretary of State's office within 10 days of you completing the form.

Make sure that the form you filled out reaches your county board of elections at least 30 days before the election in which you plan to vote. Or, make sure that the form is postmarked no later than 30 days before the election in which you plan to vote.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHEN SHOULD I REGISTER TO VOTE?

- You can register to vote any time during the year. Your registration form must be received 30 days before an election or postmarked no later than 30 days before the election. If it is not, you will not be able to vote in that election.
- Your mailed registration form must be postmarked 30 days before the election. If it is