

IMD Action Guide: *Voter Registration in Maryland*



Voter Registration Essentials:

To vote in Maryland, you must

Be a U.S. citizen and a Maryland resident

Be at least 16 years old.

Provide either the number on your Maryland driver's license OR on your ID issued by the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration OR the last four digits of your social security number.

When to Register:

Online (recommended)

Up to 21 days before Election Day

By mail

Your application **must** be postmarked 21 days before Election Day

Please be aware that this may not be enough time for your application to be received and processed.

In person

Up to and including on Election Day OR at an early voting center in your county during early voting OR at your polling place on Election Day

Options to Register:

1. The fastest way is to go online at [Voter Registration](#) and follow the instructions.
2. Use one of the links below to obtain a voter registration application.

Read the instructions, enter the required information, print the form, sign it, and mail it to your local Board of Elections.

English: https://elections.maryland.gov/voter_registration/documents/VRA-English.pdf

Spanish: https://elections.maryland.gov/voter_registration/documents/VRA-Spanish.pdf

Amharic: https://elections.maryland.gov/voter_registration/documents/VRA-Amharic.pdf

Traditional Chinese:
https://elections.maryland.gov/voter_registration/documents/VRA-TraditionalChinese.pdf

Simplified Chinese:

https://elections.maryland.gov/voter_registration/documents/VRA-SimplifiedChinese.pdf

Vietnamese:

https://elections.maryland.gov/voter_registration/documents/VRA-Vietnamese.pdf

3. Complete a voter registration application in person at any of the following locations:

- the local or State Board of Election.
- the local Department of Health Office
- Maryland Department of Human Services local offices
- Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration offices
- the local Area Agency on Aging office
- the Maryland Transit Administration Paratransit Certification Office
- all public institutions of higher education in Maryland
- recruitment offices of the U.S. Armed Forces
- marriage license offices
- offices for students with disabilities at all Maryland colleges and universities

4. Go to an early voting center in the county where you live during early voting OR go to your assigned polling place on Election Day

Bring documentation with your current address:

- MVA-issued license, permit or ID card
- Change of address card
- Paycheck in your name
- Bank statement in your name
- Utility bill in your name
- Other government ID with your name and current address

- **Note:** If you plan to register on Election Day with a new address, go to the polling place for that address (see **Resources**). The election workers will update your information, and you will be issued a provisional ballot.

When is Your Voter Registration Complete?

You are a registered voter when you receive your Voter Notification Card.

- If you do not receive your Voter Notification Card within three weeks of submitting your application, contact your local Board of Elections (see **Resources**).

Thank you for being a voter!

Voting Resources

Local Boards of Elections:

https://www.elections.maryland.gov/about/county_boards.html

At <https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch> you can:

- Find out where to vote
- View a sample ballot
- Check the status of your mail-in ballot

Drop Box Locations:

http://elections.maryland.gov/elections/2026/2026_Primary_Drop_Box_Locations.pdf

Find Your Polling Place:

<https://www.nass.org/can-i-vote/find-your-polling-place>

Maryland Board of Elections FAQ:

<https://elections.maryland.gov/voting/absentee.html>

Overseas and Military Voting Information:

https://elections.maryland.gov/overseas_voters/index.html

Instructions for Absentee Voting:

https://elections.maryland.gov/voting/documents/2012_Absentee_Instructions_English.pdf

To OPT-OUT of mail-in voting:

<https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/onlinevoterupdate/InstructionsStep1>

If you decide to opt out of mail-in voting, please do so as soon as you can so your change in voting status can be processed.

What is a Provisional Ballot?

A provisional ballot allows someone who thinks he or she is an eligible voter to vote. If the [local board of elections](#) determines that the provisional voter is registered and eligible to vote in Maryland and vote a provisional ballot, the ballot will be counted. If the voter is not eligible to vote a provisional ballot, the ballot may be rejected.

If you are on a mail-in ballot list and you come to a poll to vote, your ballot will be provisional.

Remember: mail-in voting is safe, secure and easy in Maryland, especially if you use a drop box!