

HOW TO REGISTER

To vote on Election Day you must have registered to vote at least 25 days before the day of the election in which you want to vote. To register fill out [this form](#) [link to form already on website] and mail it (postmarked) or return it to your local County Board of Elections (during office hours) at least 25 days before Election Day. If you register to vote without providing an acceptable form of identification (ID) (see list below) you will be asked to show ID the first time you go to vote in-person.

You may also register at the DMV when renewing or applying for a driver's license or state ID card; at the Social Services office if applying for or renewing services or changing information; or at a [voter registration agency](#) [link to sboe: <http://www.sboe.state.nc.us/content.aspx?id=23>] such as Disability Rights NC.

If you missed the 25 days before Election Day deadline you may still vote! North Carolina has what is called One-Stop Voting which means you may register to vote and vote on the same day during the One-Stop Voting period. If you are already registered, you may vote early during this period and may update your vital information but you may not change your party affiliation. This period is the 3 to 19 days before Election Day, and NOT available on Election Day itself.

Dates for 2008:

May Primary One-Stop Period: Thursday, April 17th to Friday, May 3rd

Primary Election Day: Tuesday, May 6th

General Election One-Stop Period: Thursday, October 16th to Friday, November 1st

General Election: Tuesday, November 3rd

One-Stop Voting is always available at the local County Board of Elections office during this period but many counties offer additional One-Stop Voting sites and/or extended hours. See the How to Vote page for more information.

Acceptable forms of ID:

- NC driver's license with current address
- A utility bill with name and current address
- A document with name and current address from a local, state, or U.S. government agency such as a:
 - Passport
 - U.S. military ID
 - Property or other tax bill
 - Birth certificate
 - Check, invoice, or letter from a government agency
 - License to hunt, fish, own a gun, etc.
 - Automotive or vehicle registration
 - Certified documentation of naturalization
 - Public housing or SSA document
- A student photo ID along with a document from the school showing the student's name and current address
- A paycheck or paycheck stub from an employer or a W-2 statement
- A bank statement or bank-issued credit card statement

If a person does not supply an appropriate form of identification for proof-of-residence, their registration application cannot be fully processed until the required information is provided.

How Do I Know if I am Registered to Vote?

If you recently registered, you should receive a voter registration card in the mail within a few weeks of registering.

If you did not register recently, you may check your registration by:

- Contacting your local County Board of Elections to find out if you are registered, your assigned polling place, etc.
- Going to the State Board of Elections website at <http://www.sboe.state.nc.us/VoterLookup.aspx?Feature=voterinfo> or <http://www.sboe.state.nc.us> for general voting information.