

Minnesota voter registration eligibility & instructions

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Voter eligibility

To register, you must:

- be a U.S. citizen;
- be at least 18 years old on Election Day;
- have resided in Minnesota for 20 days preceding Election Day;
- have completed all parts of any felony sentence.

You:

- can vote while under guardianship unless a judge specifically has revoked your right to vote;
- cannot vote if a court has ruled that you are legally incompetent.

Moved, changed names, or haven't voted within four years?

You must re-register each time you change addresses, change names, or do not vote at least once during a four year period. Update your registration by completing a new registration application.

Registration deadlines

You are encouraged to register before Election Day to save time at the polling place.

You may:

- register online — deadline is 11:59 p.m., 21 days before Election Day;
- register by mail — applications must be received by your election office by 5 p.m., 21 days before Election Day;
- register on Election Day.

Register to vote on your driver's license application

You can also register to vote by checking a box on your driver's license application or renewal form.

Update your registration when you move

If you move to a new Minnesota residence, you can submit a United States Postal Service (USPS) change-of-address form. USPS will notify election officials of the change. If election officials can match the record in their system, they will update your address and mail a green confirmation postcard to you.

Party affiliation not recorded

When registering in Minnesota, you are not required or asked which political party you are a member of or usually for. Minnesota does not have political party registration.

Check your registration status

You can check if you are registered to vote under your current name and address on the Secretary of State's website at mnvotes.org.

Get proof of registration

Proof of registration can be obtained from your county elections office.

Correct an error on your registration record

If you notice a typo in your name on the confirmation postcard you receive after registering, contact your county elections office.

Confidentiality of voter registration data

Your exact date of birth, email address, and any ID number you give (Minnesota driver's license, state ID or last four digits of Social Security number) are private. Only election officials and other authorized government agencies may access this information.

Election officials use your exact date of birth and ID number to confirm your identity with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety or Social Security Administration. If you have an ID number but refuse to give it, your application may be incomplete and you may have to apply again or show proof of residence before you can vote.

Election officials ask for your email so they can contact you about your application. Also, the Office of the Secretary of State may email you (or contact you another way) about voting and elections, or ask for public input about voting and elections. If you refuse to give an email address, you cannot register to vote online and you will need to apply with a paper application.

The rest of the data on your application is public when used for elections, political, law enforcement or jury selection purposes. If you need to keep your contact data private because of personal safety concerns, call 1-877-600-8683.