Are You Eligible?
You MAY register to vote in the U.S. if:
- You are a U.S. citizen.
- You are 18 years of age on or before Election Day.
- You meet your state’s voter registration guidelines.

To register in VA, a U.S. citizen must:
- Be a resident of Virginia.
- Be 18 years of age by the next General Election.
- Not be registered and plan to vote in another state.
- Not be currently declared mentally incompetent by a court of law, without restoration of voter rights.
- Not be a convicted felon without restoration of voter rights.

Registration Deadlines
- General Elections: 22 days before election
- Primary Elections: 22 days before election
- Special Elections: 14 days before election
- Special Elections (Called by the Governor): 7 days before election

Important:
Your complete social security number must be provided when registering to vote.
DO NOT give your application to a stranger.

Local Registrars

Norfolk
810 Union St., Rm 808
Norfolk, VA 23510
Monday-Friday, 8:30-5:00pm
Phone: (757)664-4353
vote@norfolk.gov

Virginia Beach
2449 Princess Anne Rd.
Municipal Center, Building 14
Virginia Beach, VA 23456
Monday-Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm
Phone: (757)385-8683
voter@vbgov.com

Chesapeake
411 Cedar Rd.
Chesapeake, VA 23322
Monday-Friday, 8:00am - 5:00pm
Phone: (757)277-9797
vote@cityofchesapeake.net

Portsmouth
801 Crawford St., First Floor
Portsmouth, VA 23704
Monday-Friday, 8:00am -5:00pm
Phone: (757)393-8644

Hampton
101 Kings Way
Hampton, VA 23669
Monday-Friday, 8:30am -5:00pm
Phone: (757)727-6218

Newport News
City Hall, 6th Floor
2400 Washington Ave.
Newport News, VA 23607
Monday-Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm
Phone: (757)926-8683
Who Is Considered a Resident of Virginia?

A prospective voter must be a resident of the Commonwealth and of the precinct where he seeks to register.

In order to establish “residency,” a prospective voter must have a physical location where they intend to stay for an unlimited time. A person can have residency in only one place at a time.

Can an ODU Student Be a Resident of Virginia?

Yes, a college student can be a Virginia resident and registers to vote in Virginia the same as any other applicant: every prospective voter must submit a voter registration application.

A dormitory or college address can be an acceptable residential address and does not disqualify you from voting.

Can You Change Your Mind?

The applicant must determine and declare their residence and may change their intent at any time.

How Does a Resident Register?

Every potential voter in Virginia must submit a voter registration application utilizing their residential address when registering to vote (a post office box cannot serve as a residential address). If you are unable to receive mail at your address, you must also submit a local mailing address.

How Does a Non-Resident Register?

A non-resident of Virginia who may temporarily reside in Virginia due to work, school, military, or by other circumstance may still register to vote by requesting an absentee ballot from the state they are currently registered in.

How Do You Request an Absentee Ballot?

There are two ways:
- You may apply online.
- You can apply by mail through your local Registrar’s office.

Where Do I Find Resources?

Register to Vote online in Virginia elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation

Norfolk Office of Elections norfolk.gov/Elections

Virginia Department of Elections elections.virginia.gov

U.S. Election Assistance Commission eac.gov/voters/register-and-vote-in-your-state

Federal Voting Assistance Program for Military and Overseas Citizens fvap.gov

What’s Next?

When you register, the local general registrar mails voter notifications directly to you. If you have not received any information in the mail, you can check your status online at:
elections.virginia.gov/citizen-portal

If you cannot confirm registration online, please call your local general registrar. You will find that contact information at:
elections.virginia.gov/LocalGR