

How do I register to vote?

To register to vote in California, you must be:

- A United States citizen and a resident of California;
- 18 years old or older on Election Day;
- Not currently serving a state or federal prison term for the conviction of a felony; and
- Not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court.

If you are eligible, you can register to vote or update your registration online at registertovote.ca.gov. If you would like to fill out a physical form, voter registration applications can be found at post offices and libraries.

You must re-register to vote if you move, change your name, or change your political party preference.

Can I pre-register to vote in California?

Yes, to pre-register to vote in California, you must:

- Be 16 or 17 years old; and
- Meet all the other eligibility requirements to vote.

After pre-registering, you will automatically be registered to vote on your 18th birthday. Go to registertovote.ca.gov to pre-register to vote.

What if I need to check my voter registration status?

To check your voter registration status - including political party - you can use the "My Voter Status" tool at voterstatus.sos.ca.gov. You can also call our Voter Hotline at 1-800-345-VOTE (8683) for your status.

What if I need voter information in a different language or alternative format?

Statewide voter information is available in 10 languages. Audio and large print versions of the guide are available for voters who are blind or visually impaired. Visit voterguide.sos.ca.gov. Contact your [county elections office](#) to see what languages local information may be available in.

What if I miss the voter registration deadline?

If you miss the deadline to register to vote 14 days before an election, you can still go to your county

elections office, vote center, or polling place on or before Election Day to complete the conditional voter registration process (often referred to as "Same Day Voter Registration"). You will have to fill out a voter registration card and will be given a ballot. Once county elections officials have verified your voter registration, your vote will be counted. Contact your county elections office for more information or visit vote.ca.gov.

When will I receive my voter guide?

Registered voters will receive, by mail, their state Voter Information Guide from the Secretary of State's office a few weeks before Election Day. The state Voter Information Guide will also be available online at voterguide.sos.ca.gov. County elections offices will also mail a county Voter Information Guide to voters. County voter guides will include information about where and how to vote in addition to a sample ballot.

When will I receive my ballot?

County elections officials will mail vote-by-mail ballots to all active registered voters for every election, if they have registered before the voter registration deadline. February 5, 2024, is the last day for counties to begin mailing ballots for the March 5, 2024, Presidential Primary Election.

How do I know the County received my vote by mail ballot?

Voters can receive notifications on the status of their vote-by-mail ballots by signing up for the "Where's My Ballot?" tool. Sign up at wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov to receive automatic updates on the status of your vote-by-mail ballot by text message (SMS), email, or voice call.

I am a No Party Preference Voter (NPP). How can I vote in the presidential primary election?

As a voter who declined to provide a political party preference, or you registered with an unknown or unqualified political party, you are considered a "No Party Preference" (NPP) voter and **your primary election ballot will not have presidential candidates on it.**

If you would like to vote for U.S President, you must request a ballot with presidential candidates from one of the following parties: **American Independent Party, Democratic Party, or Libertarian Party**. Also, you can visit our website at sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-info/how-vote-president for additional resources.

Contact your county elections office to request a No Party Preference Cross-over Ballot Notice and Application. To contact your county elections office visit the [County Elections Office](#).

If you want to vote for the Green, Peace and Freedom, or Republican parties' presidential parties, you must re-register with that specific party. To register online at registertovote.sos.ca.gov.

What if I need a replacement ballot?

If you did not receive your vote-by-mail ballot, or you lost or destroyed your original ballot, you may apply for a replacement ballot. Only the registered voter themself may request a replacement ballot. The replacement ballot application can be found at elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov/vote-by-mail/replacement-application.pdf.

This application will need to be returned to your local county elections office. You may also request a replacement ballot from your county elections office by phone, email, fax, or other electronic means.

How can I return my vote-by-mail ballot?

You may return your vote-by-mail ballot by:

- Mailing it to your county elections official (must be postmarked on or before Election Day and received by your county elections office no later than 7 days after Election Day);
- Dropping your ballot into one of your county's ballot drop boxes, or at a [ballot drop-off location](#), or a polling location anywhere in the state; or
- Asking someone you trust to return your ballot for you, as long as they do not get paid on a per ballot basis.

How early can I vote?

Your county may offer early voting locations before Election Day. For a list go to vote.ca.gov. February 5, 2024, is the last day for counties to begin mailing ballots for the March 5, 2024, Presidential Primary Election. To ensure your vote-by-mail ballot is

counted, it must be postmarked on or before Election Day and received by your county elections office no later than 7 days after Election Day.

How do I find my polling place or vote center?

- Check the back of your county Voter Information Guide for your polling place, vote centers, or ballot drop-off locations
- Contact your [county elections office](#)
- Call the Secretary of State's Voter Hotline - 1-800-345- VOTE (8683) or visit voterstatus.sos.ca.gov

Is my vote secure?

Yes, California exceeds federal requirements for election security. Every vote must be cast on a paper ballot or have a voter verified paper audit trail. Voting equipment used to cast and count ballots must be certified for use in California and kept offline. Elections officials conduct post-election audits, including a manual tally of a sample of ballots, after every election to ensure the accuracy and integrity of the vote count. Voters can find official, trusted election information as well as learn more about our election security safeguards, and cybersecurity efforts at vote.ca.gov.

How do I find out if my ballot has been counted?

You can go to "My Voter Status" to find out if your vote was counted and if not, why not at voterstatus.sos.ca.gov.

How can I get up-to-the-minute election results?

- Statewide election vote counts can be found at electionresults.sos.ca.gov
- Follow us on Twitter @CASOSvote

MARCH 5: Presidential Primary Election

Register to Vote..... Feb 20
Conditional Voter Registration.....Feb 21-Mar 5
Return vote-by-mail ballot..... Mar 5

Vote-by-mail ballots must be postmarked on or before March 5, 2024, and received by county elections offices no later than March 12, 2024.



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