

Quick Guide: California Voter Registration/ Pre-Registration Application

When completing a Voter Registration/Pre-Registration Application card (Voter Registration Card), please make sure you write clearly using blue or black color ink. Fill out a Voter Registration Card if you:

- Are a new voter,
- Are pre-registering to vote,
- Have changed your name,
- Have moved, or
- Want to change your political party preference or any other information on your voter record.

You can also register or pre-register to vote online at RegisterToVote.ca.gov.

Section 1 - Qualifications

You must check the box to indicate that you are a United States citizen and a resident of California.

You must also indicate that you are:

- 18 or older, OR
- 16 or 17 and want to pre-register.

Section 2 - Your Legal Name

You are required to provide your:

- 1) First name,
- 2) Middle name if applicable, and
- 3) Last name (including any suffix, such as Jr., Sr., III).

Section 3 - Identification

You will need to provide your:

- 1) Date of birth,
- 2) CA Driver's license or CA ID card number, if you have one.
- 3) Last 4 numbers of your SSN, if you have one, and
- 4) U.S. state or foreign country of birth.

Section 4 - Address Where You Live

You CANNOT use a P.O. Box # for this section. You must provide your:

- 1) Home address, including apartment or unit number if applicable,
- 2) City,
- 3) Zip code, and
- 4) California county.

If you do not have a street address, you can give an exact description of where you live. Include cross streets, routes, etc.

Section 5 - Address Where You Receive Mail

If you have a different mailing address provide it here. You may use a P.O. Box # as your mailing address.

Section 6 - Registration History

Complete the registration history section, if you were previously registered. You will provide your:

- 1) Full legal name,
- 2) Previous address, and
- 3) Previous political party preference (if any).

Section 7 - Vote By Mail

County elections officials will mail vote-by-mail ballots to all active registered voters.

Section 8 - Political Party Preference

You can choose from the following political parties:

- American Independent Party
- Democratic Party
- Green Party
- Libertarian Party
- Peace and Freedom Party
- Republican Party
- Other, which you will need to write in

If you do not want to choose a political party, you may check the "No Party/None" box.

- If you chose this option, you may not be able to vote for some presidential candidates at a presidential primary election or for a party's central committee.

Scan the QR Code to register to vote or visit registertovote.ca.gov



Section 9 - Optional Voter Information

You may include your email and phone number.

You may select your language preference for receiving election materials in the following languages:

- English
- Spanish
- Chinese
- Hindi
- Japanese
- Other Language: _____
- Khmer
- Korean
- Tagalog
- Thai
- Vietnamese

If no box is checked, voter materials will be provided in English.

You may also select the box to request voting materials in an accessible format.

You may also select the box to be a poll worker.

You may also include your ethnicity/race.

Section 10 - Affidavit

You must sign and date the red box in order to complete your registration.

When you sign, you are swearing and affirming that you:

- 1) Are a U.S. citizen and a resident of California and at least 16 years old.
- 2) Are not currently serving a state or federal prison term for the conviction of a felony.
- 3) Are not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court.
- 4) Understand that it is a crime to intentionally provide incorrect information on the card.
- 5) Declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information on the card is true and correct.
- 6) When you return a vote-by-mail ballot, your signature on the return envelope must compare with your signature on this form (or other signatures in your voter registration record).

Bottom of the Card - Blue Box

If someone has helped you fill out or deliver your Voter Registration Card, the blue box found on the bottom right-hand side must be completed and signed by the person who assisted you.

When Finished

- Tear off the bottom part of the Voter Registration Card as your receipt and keep it until you receive a notice from your county elections official.
- Fold and use tape to seal your Voter Registration Card. Do not staple the card.

No postage is necessary if mailed in the United States.

Important Information

Check your voter registration online:
voterstatus.sos.ca.gov

Safe at Home

If sharing your address could put you in life-threatening danger, you may be eligible to register to vote confidentially.

For more information, contact the Safe at Home program.

Safe at Home:
(877) 322-5227

Online:
SafeAtHome.sos.ca.gov

For election information, please visit: sos.ca.gov or call:

English - (800) 345-VOTE (8683)

Español / Spanish - (800) 232-VOTA (8682)

中文 / Chinese - (800) 339-2857

हिन्दी / Hindi - (888) 345-2692

日本語 / Japanese - (800) 339-2865

ខ្មែរ / Khmer - (888) 345-4917

한국어 / Korean - (866) 575-1558

Tagalog - (800) 339-2957

ภาษาไทย / Thai - (855) 345-3933

Việt ngữ / Vietnamese - (800) 339-8163

If you believe that you are a victim of election fraud, you may use the Election Voter Complaint Form to report the violation to our office. If you have questions, you may contact the Secretary of State's office at:
English: (916) 657-2166 or (800) 345-VOTE (8683) · Spanish: (800) 232-VOTA (8682)