

# Nebraska Voter Registration Frequently Asked Questions

## 1. What qualifications are there for a person to vote in any election?

- 18 years of age or older on General Election Day (first Tuesday, after first Monday in November).
- A citizen of the United States.
- A resident of Nebraska.
- Not convicted of a felony, or if convicted, it has been at least two years since the completion of the sentence for the felony including any parole term.
- Not to have been found mentally incompetent.

## 2. How do I register to vote?

- **You may register in person** at the local county clerk/election commissioner's office during normal business hours.
- **You may register by mail.** Voter registration applications are available at several locations throughout the state, including banks, post offices and libraries. Additionally, a voter registration application can be printed off <http://www.sos.ne.gov/elec/pdf/vr.pdf> for your use.
- **You may register through the state Department of Motor Vehicles** when applying for or renewing your driver's license.
- **You may register through the state Department of Health and Human Services and state Department of Education** at the time of application, review or change of address in connection with public assistance programs.
- **You must sign and return your voter registration application to your county clerk/election commissioner's office.** You may find your county election office information at [www.sos.ne.gov/elec/clerks.html](http://www.sos.ne.gov/elec/clerks.html)

## 3. What is the registration deadline?

- Mail-in voter registrations must be mailed and postmarked on or before the third Friday preceding an election.
- Voter registrations delivered by personal messenger or personal agent must arrive on or before the third Friday preceding an election
- Individuals may register in person at the county clerk/election commissioner's office prior to 6 p.m. on the second Friday preceding an election.

## 4. Do I have to be a resident for a certain amount of time to register?

No, you may register to vote the same day you become a resident of the State of Nebraska.

## 5. Must I designate a party affiliation?

- If you wish to vote in partisan races for state and local candidates in the primary election, you must declare your party affiliation.
- The Democratic and Republican parties are the only statewide recognized parties.
- Party designation has no bearing when voting the non-partisan ballot or in the general election.

## 6. Are there situations where I would need to re-register?

You must re-register whenever you change:

- Your name
- Your address
- Your political party affiliation.

NOTE: Failure to vote in a previous election does not require re-registration

## 7. Will I receive notice that my mail-in registration has been accepted and processed?

- Yes, if you completed the form correctly and mailed it by the deadline (third Friday prior to the election), you will receive an acknowledgment from the election official that you are properly registered.
- If you have questions about your registration, call your county clerk/election commissioner.

## 8. How is residence determined?

- By law, your residence is that place at which you have established a home, where you are habitually present, and to which, when you depart, you intend to return.
- Leaving for temporary purposes, such as military service or school attendance, need not result in a change of residence for voting purposes.
- However, any permanent change in your residence or address will require you to re-register to vote.

## 9. What if I live in Nebraska only part of the year?

You can only register to vote in one state. If you live in more than one state, you must choose in which state you wish to vote. If you want to vote in Nebraska, fill out the Nebraska voter registration form and mail it to your county election official's office. If you will not be in Nebraska at the time of the election, you may request an early ballot, which will be mailed to you at the address you request, even if it is out of state.