

# VOTING IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

**It's about you - your taxes, education, community, and country - your future.**

**Who may register to vote** Every New Hampshire citizen, 18 years old or older, has the Constitutional right to vote. There's no length of residency requirement in NH. Even if you moved here recently, you may vote if this is the place where you are living now, not just vacationing or visiting. You may claim only one place as your domicile for voting. If you're a college student, member of the military or you're planning to move somewhere else in the future you're still eligible to vote here while you live here. If you move to another town or state then you'll register there, and only be able to vote at your new address. **New in 2016:** 17 year olds who will be 18 by the next scheduled election may register.

## Where to register to vote

- With your town or city clerk who will give your registration to the Supervisors of the Checklist.
- With the Supervisors of the Checklist. They must meet 6 to 13 days before each election (varies by election). Call your clerk's office for the place and time of the meeting.
- At the polling place on Election Day. Be aware this can take extra time during big elections.

**The registration form** The registration form asks for your name, age, place of birth, local residence, previous voting address if you were registered somewhere else, and a driver's license ID number or the last four digits of your social security number. You'll be asked to read and sign a statement saying you understand voting fraud is a crime.

You'll be asked to show proof of identity, age, citizenship, and domicile. If you can, bring a driver's license, passport, student ID or other photo ID and mail such as a utility bill addressed to you when you go to register. If you don't have those kinds of documents, you may sign a statement attesting to your identity, age, citizenship, or domicile.

**Political parties** You may choose to be an undeclared voter or choose a political party on the voter registration form. If you choose a party, you vote in that party's primary election. The deadline for changing from one party to another was last June. If you're undeclared, you can choose a party for the primary election. You may return to undeclared status by filling out a card before leaving the polling place.

**Absentee registration** If you can't register in person due to disability, religious beliefs, military service, or temporary absence, you may register by mail. Ask your town or city clerk for an absentee voter registration affidavit and a standard voter registration form. The affidavit must be witnessed and both documents returned to your clerk at least 10 days before an election.

**Absentee voting** If you're a registered voter but can't vote in person because of disability, religious beliefs, work hours, military service, or temporary absence, you may ask your city or town clerk for an absentee ballot in advance of the election. You may ask in person or fax or write to the clerk using a form at <http://sos.nh.gov/ElectForms.aspx> or putting the same information in a written request. Your ballot must reach the town or city clerk by 5 pm of Election Day. Ballots may not be faxed.



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