Step 2: Vote!

Voting in Person

If possible, show a valid photo ID to the Ballot Clerk at the polls. You need only one ID!

Acceptable photo IDs include the following:

- Driver’s license from NH or any other state (current or expired no more than 5 years*);
- Non-driver’s photo ID issued by NH DMV;
- US armed services ID card;
- US passport or passcard (current or expired no more than 5 years*);
- Valid student ID card;
- Other photo ID acceptable to the moderator, supervisor of the checklist, or town clerk;
- Verification of a person’s identity by the moderator, supervisor of the checklist or town or city clerk.

*Note: For voters over 65 years old, no expiration date restriction applies.

If you don't have a photo ID listed above, or if you forget to bring it on election day, you will still be able to get a ballot by signing an affidavit saying you are who you claim to be.

Absentee Voting

If you’re a registered voter but you 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 application in advance of the election. For 2020 elections, illness or fear of catching a serious illness are reasons to vote absentee.

When you get your ballot in the mail, fill it out and mail it back to your town clerk.

The clerk must receive your ballot by 5 pm of Election Day. Ballots may not be faxed, but may be mailed, or hand-delivered on election day by the voter’s parent, spouse, sibling or child to the town clerk. The person returning the absentee ballot must complete a form and provide proper ID before the clerk will accept the ballot.

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How to Register
and
How to Cast a Ballot

Step 1: Register to Vote

Every New Hampshire citizen, 18 years and older, who is not incarcerated for a felony, has the Constitutional right to vote. You don't have to be out of prison for any set length of time to vote.

If you are on parole or probation, you have a Constitutional right to vote.

You don't have to live in your town or in NH for any set length of time to vote.

Where to Register to Vote

- At your town or city clerk’s office up to a week or two before any election.
- With the Supervisors of the Checklist. They meet about 10 days before each election. Call your clerk's office for the place and time of the meeting.
- At the polling place on Election Day. This will take extra time during major elections.

What to Bring with You to Register

If you can, when you go to register bring a driver’s license, passport, or other photo ID.

If you can, also bring something that shows where you live, such as a utility bill or tax bill addressed to you or a lease. If you are homeless, the agency that receives your mail may be used as your voting address.

If you don’t have some of these papers, you will be allowed to sign a statement attesting to your identity, age, citizenship, or where you live.

The registration form asks for your name, age, place of birth, and where you live now. If you were born in another country, it will ask when you became a citizen.

The form also asks for a driver’s license ID number or the last four digits of your Social Security number.

If you were registered somewhere else before, you’ll be asked for your previous voting address.

You’ll be asked to read and sign a statement saying you understand voting fraud is a crime.

Can You Register Absentee?

If you can’t register in person due to illness, 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’s office at least 10 days before an election.

Political Parties

You may choose a political party on the voter registration form. If you choose a party, you may vote in only that party’s primary election.

If you choose to be an undeclared “independent” voter, at a primary election you can decide which party you want to vote for. You may return to undeclared status by filling out a card before leaving the polling place.

Your Vote is Your Voice!
Every Vote Counts!

Once you are registered to vote, you are also eligible to run for public office.