Voter Registration Quick Facts

In order to vote in North Carolina, you must meet these qualifications:

- You must be a US citizen
- You must be 18 by the next General Election day
- You must be a NC resident and have lived at your residence for at least 30 days preceding the General Election
- If you have previously been convicted of a felony, you must have completed all parts of your sentence, including probation and parole, and then your citizenship rights are automatically restored and you are permitted to register and vote.

If you are unsure whether you meet the registration qualifications and you need help, please call the NC State Board of Elections

CALL

1-866-522-4723

How to Register: If you meet the registration qualifications, then you may complete a voter registration form and return it to your county board of elections no later than 25 days before an election in order to be eligible to vote in that election. In NC, you can also register and vote during the One-Stop Registration & Absentee Voting period, which begins 19 days before the election and runs until the last Saturday before the election. Visit our website for more details:

www.sboe.state.nc.us

FAQs

Q: I just moved to NC, when can I register to vote?
A: You may register upon moving to NC, but you are not qualified to vote until you have resided at your home for 30 days preceding an election.

Q: I am an out-of-state college student, may I register to vote in NC?
A: Yes, so long as you intend to make your home in the community where you are physically attending school and you have no intent of returning to your former home upon graduation.

Q: I was convicted of a felony when I was younger, have I forever lost my right to vote?
A: No. As long as your rights of citizenship have been restored, then you can register to vote. Your citizenship rights are automatically restored in NC after you have fully completed your sentence. You must be out of prison and not on probation.

Q: I've heard that 17 year-olds can register and vote, is this true?
A: 17 year-olds may register and vote in a primary if they will be 18 on or before general election day. However, they cannot vote for referenda until they are 18.

If you need help completing your voter registration form, call our hotline:

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