

Voter Registration Information for New Educators

Maryland Residents

To register to vote in Maryland, you must:

- be a U.S. Citizen;
- be a Maryland resident;
- be at least 18 years old by the next General Election;
- not be under guardianship for mental disability;
- not have been convicted of buying or selling votes;
- not have been convicted more than once of a crime of violence (Criminal Law, Art. 14-101);
- not have been convicted of an infamous crime^[1] unless:
 - you have been pardoned,
 - you have completed the court-imposed sentence (first conviction), or
 - At least 3 years has passed since you completed the court-imposed sentence ^[2] (second or later conviction).

[1] **Infamous crime** means any felony or crime involving an element of deceit, fraud, or corruption.

[2] The court-imposed sentence includes probation, parole, community service, restitutions, and fines.

To be considered a Maryland resident, your domicile must be in Maryland. Your domicile is **the place that you consider to be your 'official' or 'permanent' home**, even though it may be different from the place where you are actually living on a short-term or temporary basis. Your domicile will ordinarily be the address you use most frequently on tax returns or other government documents, driver's license, bank accounts, charge accounts, for insurance purposes, and so forth.

Information was adapted from the Maryland State Board of Elections website at www.elections.state.md.us

Frequently Asked Questions

When may I register to vote?

Voter registration applications may be submitted to your county Board of Elections office or the State Board of Elections year round.

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Where may I register to vote?

You may complete a Voter Registration Application in person at a county Board of Elections or the State Board of Elections. Voter Registration applications are also available throughout Maryland at any office of the State Department of Health, Social Services Administration, Motor Vehicle Administration, Offices on Aging and all public institutions of higher education as well as many other State Agencies.

From our website, you can choose to request a Voter Registration Application or to download, print and mail a PDF Voter Registration Application
<http://www.elections.state.md.us/citizens/registration/application.html>

May I register to vote by mail?

Yes. You may request a Voter Registration Application be sent to you from any county Board of Elections office. You can also call the State Board of Elections toll free (1-800-222-8683) or use our feedback form to leave your name and mailing address twenty-four hours a day. The completed Voter Registration Application may be delivered or mailed to your county Board of Election office or State Board of Elections.

Under the Help America Vote Act, certain voters must satisfy a new identification requirement before voting for the first time in Maryland. You are subject to this new identification requirement if you:

- Registered to vote by mail after January 1, 2003; and

- Will be voting for the first time in Maryland after January 1, 2004.

If you submit your voter registration application by mail, you can satisfy the identification requirement by including with your voter registration one of the following:

- Your driver's license number, MVA-issued identification card number or at least the last four numbers of your social security number and we will attempt to verify this information with MVA. You will be contacted if election officials were unable to verify your information.

Because of federal privacy laws, we may not be able to confirm the last 4 digits of your social security number. To avoid having to provide additional information, you may wish to provide either your driver's license number, MVA-issued identification card, or one of the documents listed below. If you choose to provide only the last 4 digits of your social security number, you may be asked to provide additional information.

- A copy of a current and valid photo identification (i.e., Maryland driver's license, MVA-issued identification card, student photo identification card, employee photo identification card).
- A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other government document that shows your name and address.

If you do not satisfy the identification requirement prior to Election Day, you will be required to present identification before voting a regular ballot.

When am I registered to vote?

You are considered a registered voter when you receive your Voter Notification Card from your county Board of Elections. If you do not receive your card within 30 days after you submit your voter registration application, you should contact your county Board of Elections.

What should I do if I have changed my address or my name since the last election?

You must notify the county Board of Election office in your county of residence in writing. This can be done with a written notice, a change of address form or by completing a new Voter Registration Application. Change of address forms are available from the Motor Vehicle Administration of Maryland.

Do I have to register to vote for each election?

No. Registration is permanent, as long as you continue to live in Maryland and keep your address and name current with your county Board of Elections. You do not have to re-register when you move from one jurisdiction in Maryland to another jurisdiction in Maryland.

Voter Registration Application Download Instructions

Please fill out and print the Voter Registration Application form following the instructions provided with it. Be sure to **sign the form** where appropriate before mailing it. The Voter Registration Application form **cannot be processed without an ORIGINAL signature.**

You will need Adobe Acrobat Reader to open the Voter Registration Application form. We encourage you to fill out the form directly from Adobe Acrobat Reader and then print and sign it.

Forms can be **MAILED** to the State Board of Elections or to your county's Board of Elections (see address above). Do **NOT fax or e-mail** your Voter Registration Application.

State Board of Elections

151 West Street
Suite 200
Annapolis, MD 21401
Office hours are 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

Important dates

August 22 at 9:00pm: Last day to register to vote before the Primary Election

September 12th: Primary Election

October 17th at 9:00pm: Last day to register to vote before the General Election

November 7th: General Election