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Voter Registration

When are the upcoming elections and registration deadlines?	<p>The general election is on <u>Tuesday, November 3, 2020.</u></p> <p>The voter registration deadline is 15 days before the election. For paper applications, the deadline is <u>5:00 PM on October 19, 2020.</u> Mailed and hand-delivered registrations must be <u>RECEIVED, not postmarked,</u> by your county election office before the deadline.</p> <p>Online voter registration applications must be completed at votespa.com/register by <u>11:59pm on October 19, 2020.</u></p>
Is there same day registration?	No. Voter registration applications must be received 15 days before an election.
Can I check my registration status online?	Yes. You can check your registration status at votespa.com/status .
Can I register to vote?	<p>To register to vote in Pennsylvania, you must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Be a citizen of the United States for at least 30 days before the election. ● Be a resident of Pennsylvania and the election district that you want to vote in for at least 30 days before the election. ● Be at least 18 years of age on or before the day of the election.

<p>How do I register to vote?</p>	<p>There are three ways to register to vote in Pennsylvania. You can:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Register to vote online at votespa.com/register. If you register to vote online, you will also be offered the opportunity to sign up for a mail-in or absentee ballot and you will not have to make a separate request. (2) Mail in a voter registration form to your county election office. The form is available at votespa.com or from your county election office. You can find your county election office at votespa.com/county. (3) Register to vote in person at your county elections office. <p>EVERYONE SHOULD FOLLOW COVID-19 GUIDANCE.</p>
<p>Do I need to update my registration?</p>	<p>You must update your registration if you change your name, address, or party. You can update your registration online (votespa.com/register), by mail, or in person at your county election office.</p> <p>For more information, go to votespa.com/Register-to-Vote/Pages/How-to-Update-Your-Registration.aspx</p>
<p>Do I need ID to register to vote?</p>	<p>You must put your Pennsylvania driver’s license number or PennDOT ID card number on the voter registration form, if you have one. If you have neither a PA driver’s license nor a PennDOT ID number, you must include the last four digits of your Social Security Number on the registration form.</p> <p>If you do not provide a PA Driver’s license or PennDOT ID number, you must provide a signature to complete the registration process. There are three ways to provide a signature:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) You can upload a digital image of your signature with your registration form (take a photo of your signature in blue or black ink on white paper). (2) You can request a signature form from the Department of State. Sign the form and mail it to your county election office. (3) Print, sign, and mail the voter registration form to your county election office.

Vote by Mail

<p>Can I vote by mail?</p>	<p>Yes. For the first time in Pennsylvania, all registered voters can vote by mail in 2020. All voters, even if they also qualify for an absentee ballot, can now vote with a mail-in ballot.</p> <p>You can sign up online to vote by mail at padems.com/mail.</p> <p>This link will direct you to the Ballot Request Application on the PA Department of State website votespa.com/applymailballot.</p>
<p>What is the deadline to request an absentee or mail-in ballot?</p>	<p>Your county election office must receive your application for an absentee or mail-in ballot by 5:00 PM the first Tuesday before the Election, <u>October 27, 2020</u>.</p> <p>Applications Mailed ballots must be received, not postmarked, by your county election office before the deadline.</p> <p>You can find your county election office at votespa.com/county</p>
<p>What is the deadline to return an absentee or mail-in ballot?</p>	<p>You must return your ballot to your county election office by 8:00 PM on Election Day, <u>November 3, 2020</u>.</p> <p>Mailed ballots must be received, not postmarked, by your county election office before the deadline.</p>
<p>Should I vote by absentee or mail-in ballot?</p>	<p>All registered voters in Pennsylvania can request a mail-in ballot. Because the application for a mail-in ballot is simpler than for an absentee ballot, we recommend that you request a mail-in ballot, even if you qualify for an absentee ballot.</p> <p>Either way, you cannot be challenged for choosing the wrong type of ballot.</p>
<p>How do I sign up for an absentee or mail-in ballot?</p>	<p>There are three ways to sign up for a mail-in or absentee ballot. You can:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Sign up online at padems.com/mail. This link will direct you to the Ballot Request Application on the PA Department of State website votespa.com/applymailballot. You need a PA driver's license or PennDOT ID to sign up online. (2) Request an absentee or mail-in ballot by mail. You can print the application form at votespa.com. You can also call your county election office to request

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	<p>that they mail you a paper application. And you can go to votespa.com/applymailballot and request a ballot application in the mail.</p> <p>(3) Request a ballot in person at your county election office.</p> <p><u>EVERYONE SHOULD FOLLOW COVID-19 GUIDANCE.</u></p>
<p>What ID can I use to sign up for an absentee or mail-in ballot?</p>	<p>When you apply for a mail-in or absentee ballot:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● You must provide a PA driver’s license number or PennDOT ID, if you have one. ● If you do not have a PA driver’s license or PennDOT ID, you may use the last four digits of your social security number. ● If you do not have a PA driver’s license, PennDOT ID, or SSN, you must submit a copy of an acceptable photo ID with your application. Acceptable forms of ID for absentee and mail-in ballots include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ U.S. Passport ○ U.S. Military ID (active duty and retired military ID may designate an expiration date that is indefinite). Military dependents’ ID must contain a current expiration date. ○ Employee photo identification issued by Federal, Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania County, or Pennsylvania Municipal government. ○ Photo identification issued by an accredited Pennsylvania public or private institution of higher learning. ○ Photo identification issued by a Pennsylvania care facility, including long-term care facilities, assisted living residences and personal care homes. <p>The county election office will verify your identification before your ballot counts. If there is a problem, you have 5 days after an election to provide the necessary identification.</p> <p>Some voters are exempt from these ID requirements, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● UOCAVA Voters ● Voters with a Disability ● Voters over 65 Years Old and Affected by the Voting Accessibility for Elderly and Handicapped Act

<p>Are emergency absentee ballots available?</p>	<p>Yes. If you have a change in circumstances that prevents you from voting in person and you were not able to apply to vote by mail earlier, you can request an emergency absentee ballot from your county election office starting after 5:00 PM the Tuesday before Election Day, October 27, 2020. The deadline to request an emergency absentee ballot is 8:00 PM on Election Day, November 3, 2020.</p> <p>You must provide a declaration describing the circumstances that prevented you from applying for a mail-in or absentee ballot before 5:00 PM the Tuesday before Election Day. You can also designate in writing an authorized representative to pick up and deliver the ballot on your behalf.</p> <p><u>EVERYONE SHOULD FOLLOW COVID-19 GUIDANCE.</u></p>
<p>Can I check on the status of my application to vote by mail and/or my mail ballot?</p>	<p>Yes. You can check to see if your request to vote by mail has been received and processed by your county election office; if your ballot is on its way to you; and if your ballot has been received by the county election office.</p> <p>Go to votespa.com/mailballotstatus to track your request or ballot on the PA Department of State website.</p>
<p>Can I check to see if I am already signed up to receive a mail ballot?</p>	<p>Yes. You can go to votespa.com/mailballotstatus.</p> <p>If the tracker cannot match your name with its records, then you are not signed up.</p> <p>If your information does appear and your status is listed as “pending,” then you are signed up for a mail ballot.</p>
<p>When will my ballot be mailed to me?</p>	<p>Most counties are reporting plans to start initial distributions mid-September to early-October. You can call your county election office and ask what their plan is. You can find your county election office at votespa.com/county</p>

<p>Where can I return my ballot?</p>	<p>(1) You may mail your ballot to your county board of election office. (Note: Anticipate USPS delays and mail your ballot as early as possible.)</p> <p>(2) You may bring your ballot to your county board of election office.</p> <p>(3) You may bring your ballot to any drop box, drop-off location, or satellite office your county may establish. For more information, call your county board of election. You can find your county election office at votespa.com/county</p>
<p>How do I vote if I am a military or overseas voter?</p>	<p>If you are a member of the military or a civilian overseas voter, you can register and vote an absentee or mail-in ballot in several ways, including online and by mail. For more information, go to votespa.com/Voting-in-PA/Pages/Military-and-Overseas-Voters.aspx.</p>
<p>Can I cancel my request for a mail-in ballot?</p>	<p>Yes. To cancel your request for a mail-in ballot, complete this form and mail or deliver it to your county’s voter registration office.</p>

Voting Early In Person

<p>Can I vote early in person?</p>	<p>Yes. Although you may not vote on a voting machine before Election Day, you may vote on an absentee or mail-in ballot early, in person.</p> <p>Beginning as early as 50 days before Election Day, you may go to your county election office (or any satellite office your county establishes), request a mail-in or absentee ballot in person, fill it out, and submit it on the spot. The window for early, in person voting will begin soon, and ends at 5:00 PM on October 27, 2020, the deadline for requesting a mail ballot.</p> <p>Before you go, call your county elections office to check their hours and to make sure ballots are final and ready to be printed for you. You can find the number for your county election office at votespa.com/county or by visiting iwillvote.com/pa.</p> <p>Also, make sure your county hasn't already mailed it to you by checking the status of your mail ballot request at votespa.com/mailballotstatus.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>EVERYONE SHOULD FOLLOW COVID-19 GUIDANCE.</u></p>
<p>Where can I vote by mail early in person?</p>	<p>You can vote early, in person, with an absentee or mail-in ballot at your county election office or any satellite office your county establishes. You can find your county election office by going to votespa.com/county.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>EVERYONE SHOULD FOLLOW COVID-19 GUIDANCE.</u></p>
<p>Will my county be opening any additional early voting locations (“satellite” locations)?</p>	<p>Some counties may open satellite locations for early, in person, mail voting. To find out if and when there will be satellite locations in your county, call your county election office. You can find the number for your county election office at votespa.com/county.</p>

Election Day

<p>When are polls open on Election Day?</p>	<p>Polls are open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM on November 3, 2020. Voters still in line at 8:00 PM are entitled to vote.</p> <p><u>EVERYONE SHOULD FOLLOW COVID-19 GUIDANCE.</u></p> <p>The Pennsylvania Department of State has issued guidance on Election Operations during COVID-19, which is available at www.dos.pa.gov/VotingElections/OtherServicesEvents/Documents/PADOS_ElectionOperationsDuringCOVID19.pdf. CDC Recommendations for Election Polling Places is available at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/election-polling-locations.html. U.S. Election Assistance Commission Coronavirus (COVID-19) Resources are available at www.eac.gov/election-officials/coronavirus-covid-19-resources.</p>
<p>Where can I vote in person on Election Day?</p>	<p>Voters must vote at their assigned polling place, which can be found at votespa.com/pollingplace or votespa.com/status.</p>
<p>When will I know if my polling place location changes?</p>	<p>Counties must determine polling place locations by 20 days before the election (October 14, 2020), unless an emergency occurs within those 20 days. Check your polling place location online after October 14 at votespa.com/pollingplace.</p>
<p>Can I vote at my polling place on Election Day even though I requested a mail ballot?</p>	<p>If you have submitted your completed mail-in or absentee ballot to your county election office, you cannot override that ballot by a later appearance at your polling place on Election Day.</p> <p>If you have not submitted your completed mail-in or absentee ballot, or believe that your mail-in ballot will not arrive in time to return it to the county election office by 8:00 PM on November 3, 2020, you should go to your polling place and vote on Election Day.</p> <p>If you bring your ballot package (mail-in ballot and envelopes) to your polling place and sign a declaration, you are allowed to vote a regular ballot. If you do not bring your ballot package, you may still vote on a <u>provisional ballot</u>.</p>

<p>Do I need to bring ID to the polls?</p>	<p>Generally, you do not need to show an ID. But if you are voting at your polling place <u>for the first time</u>, or, if you are marked <u>inactive</u> in the poll book, you will need to show ID. You can use any of the following forms of ID:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pennsylvania drivers license or PennDOT ID card ● ID issued by the US Government or any Commonwealth agency ● US Passport ● US Armed Forces ID ● Student ID ● Employee ID ● Confirmation issued by the County Voter Registration Office ● Non-photo ID issued by the Commonwealth or US Government ● Firearm permit ● Current utility bill, bank statement, or paycheck ● Government check <p>The ID is to show proof of your identity and is not to show proof of your place of residence.</p> <p>You are not required to show photo ID at your polling place, and <u>poll workers should not ask every voter for photo ID.</u></p>
<p>I am told at my polling place that I cannot vote. What can I do?</p>	<p>You should vote on a provisional ballot. If you believe you are registered to vote, you should never be turned away from a polling place without at least having been provided the opportunity to vote by provisional ballot.</p>
<p>What is a provisional ballot?</p>	<p>Sometimes a county election office needs more time to determine your eligibility to vote and may ask that you vote with a provisional ballot. A provisional ballot records your vote while the county election office determines whether it can be counted.</p> <p>There are several reasons why you might be issued a provisional ballot, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● You believe you are registered to vote, but you are not listed in the pollbook. ● You are voting at your polling place for the first time and do not have an approved form of ID. ● You were issued a mail-in or absentee ballot but did not return it to your county election office and did not bring it

	<p>with you to the polling place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your eligibility to vote has been challenged. <p>You should never be turned away from voting without being offered the opportunity to cast a provisional ballot.</p> <p>More information is available at www.dos.pa.gov/VotingElections/OtherServicesEvents/Documents/PADOS_ProvisionalBallots_guidance_1.0.pdf.</p>
<p>How do I vote on a provisional ballot?</p>	<p>To vote by provisional ballot, you will be asked to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Complete and sign the provisional ballot affidavit on the back of the provisional ballot affidavit envelope. Mark your provisional ballot in an accessible and private area of the polling place. Seal your provisional ballot in the secrecy envelope. Seal the secrecy envelope in the provisional ballot affidavit envelope. Sign the front of the provisional ballot affidavit envelope. Return the sealed provisional ballot affidavit envelope to a polling place election official. Receive and retain your provisional ballot identification receipt. <p><i>*In order to verify that your provisional vote counted, you will need your provisional ballot identification receipt number.</i></p>
<p>How do I know if my provisional ballot was counted?</p>	<p>Your county board of elections must review each provisional ballot and determine whether to count it within 7 days of the election.</p> <p>To find out if your provisional ballot was counted, you may:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact your county election office Check the status of your provisional ballot online at www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/Pages/ProvisionalBallotSearch.aspx Call 877-VOTES-PA

<p>If I have recently moved within Pennsylvania, can I still vote at my old polling place?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If you have <u>moved to Pennsylvania from out of state</u>, you must have resided in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for at least 30 days before you can register to vote here. ● If you have <u>moved within your election district</u> without updating your voter registration, you must be permitted to vote a regular ballot. However, the election officials will require that you fill out a change of address form at the polling place. ● If you have <u>moved within Pennsylvania and into a different election district</u> without updating your voter registration, you can always vote <u>one last time</u> at the polling place for your old address. You will be required to fill out a change of address form at the polling place and you must vote at the polling place for your new address in future elections.
<p>How do polling places accommodate accessibility/disability issues?</p>	<p>Every polling place in Pennsylvania must have at least one accessible voting system. This may be the general voting system used by all voters, or it may be a separate system with features such as audio, tactile keys, and other assistive technology. A voter may bring a person to assist them with voting. That person can be anyone except an employer, union representative, or a judge of elections.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The first time a voter uses assistance, the election official will ask the voter to complete a “Declaration of Need of Assistance” form. ● To find out the accessibility status of your polling place, check votespa.com/pollingplace or votespa.com/status.
<p>Is language assistance available?</p>	<p>There are currently three counties in Pennsylvania that are mandated to provide language assistance in Spanish: (1) Berks County, (2) Lehigh County, and (3) Philadelphia County.</p> <p>Regardless of whether language assistance is provided, a voter with limited language proficiency can always bring someone to help them vote. (That person may be anyone except an employer, union representative, or a judge of elections.) Additionally, the election official will ask the voter to complete a “Declaration of Need of Assistance” form.</p>

Miscellaneous FAQ

Where is my county election office?	You can find your county election office location and contact information at votespa.com/county
Is straight ticket voting available in Pennsylvania?	No, straight party voting is no longer available.
Can I vote if I have a criminal record or am currently incarcerated?	<p>You can register and vote if you have a criminal record unless:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● You are currently confined in a penal institution (or a halfway house or other alternative correctional facility on pre-release) for conviction of a felony and will not be released until after the next election.● You were convicted of violating any provision of the Pennsylvania election code within the last four years. <p>People in a penal institution because they cannot make bail or because they have been convicted of a misdemeanor can vote by absentee or mail-in ballot.</p>