

## FAQS ABOUT VOTER REGISTRATION IN BUCKS COUNTY

### Changing information

For updates, see the BOE Election Portal: [www.buckscounty.org/2020Election](http://www.buckscounty.org/2020Election)

### Who can register to vote?

To register to vote in PA, you must be:

- A resident of Pennsylvania and the election district in which you want to register and vote for at least 30 days before the next primary, special, municipal, or general election.
- 18 years old or older on Election Day
- A United States citizen

### Can a prisoner vote in Pennsylvania?

Pennsylvania does not allow people to vote while they are in prison serving a felony conviction.

However, you can vote once you are released, including if you are on probation, parole, or house arrest.

You can also vote

- if you are in pretrial proceedings (even if you're in jail),
- If have been convicted of a misdemeanor,
- or if you will be released from prison before Election Day.

### How do I know if I'm already registered to vote?

- Go to [www.register.votespa.com](http://www.register.votespa.com).
- Call 1-877-VOTESPA
- [Contact the Bucks County Voter Registration office at 215-348-6154](http://www.buckscounty.org/2020Election)

### How do I register to vote?

- online at [www.votespa.com](http://www.votespa.com)
- by mail, using a form downloaded from [www.votespa.com](http://www.votespa.com)
- in person at your county voter registration offices in Doylestown, Quakertown and Levittown (see addresses below)
- at a number of government agencies, including Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) Photo License and Driver's License Centers.
- Registration forms are available at every Post Office, Wine & Spirit Shoppe, Municipal Building or Library

### **If I register online, how is my signature captured for the poll books.**

The Board of Elections will use the signature on file with the State, either from your Pennsylvania Driver's License or your PennDOT ID.

If you have neither of these, you must complete a printed registration form, sign it, and mail it to the address provided.

### **Do I need to re-register if I've moved? How about if I change my name? My political party?**

You do need to re-register to vote if you change your address, name, or political party.

You can update your voter registration online, by mail or in person using the voter registration application form and checking the correct box at the top of the form.

### **When is the last day to register to vote?**

October 19, 2020

### **Can I register and vote if I don't have a home address or am experiencing homelessness?**

If you are homeless you may use the map on the printed voter registration application, to show where you live or spend most of your time, and mail it to your county voter registration office.

### **Can I put a PO Box address as my permanent address?**

No. But if you live in a rural area or are homeless you may use the map on the printed voter registration application, to show where you live or spend most of your time, and mail it to your county voter registration office.

### **I just moved to a new state yesterday. Can I register to vote in that state right now?**

Yes, but you must register at least 30 days before the election and the Board of Elections must receive your registration application by October 19.

If you will be moving within Pennsylvania less than 30 days before the election, you must vote at the polling place for your old address (or vote by mail).

### **I am in the armed forces. How do I register to vote?**

In addition to the methods mentioned above, there are additional resources for persons in the military and those living overseas. You can use the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)

Information for military and overseas voters is available at [www.votespa.com](http://www.votespa.com)

- Military ballots must be received by the Board of Elections by 5:00 PM on the 7<sup>th</sup> day following the election (November 10<sup>th</sup>)

- If you registered to vote and did not vote by absentee or mail-in ballot, then you may vote at your election district polling place.
- Members of the military who are not registered to vote, may apply in person and vote at the County Election Office at 55 East Court Street, Doylestown.

### **I live abroad. How do I register to vote?**

Most U.S. citizens 18 years or older who reside outside the United States are eligible to vote absentee for federal office candidates in U.S. primary and general elections. In addition, some states allow overseas citizens to vote for state and local office candidates and referendums.

For information about your state, see the [Voting Assistance Guide](#) at <https://www.fvap.gov> . If you have questions about registering or voting in Pennsylvania as a member of the military or overseas citizen, email [ST-UOCAVAQues@pa.gov](mailto:ST-UOCAVAQues@pa.gov).

### **I am a student. Can I register to vote at my school address?**

Yes, if you will have lived at your student address for 30 days before the election, you may register to vote in that location.

Alternatively, you may vote as a registered voter at your home address using an Absentee or Mail-In Ballot. Applications are available at Information for military and overseas voters is available at [www.votespa.com](http://www.votespa.com) .

If you are already registered at your campus address but have returned home due to the pandemic, you can either:

- Re-register at your home address before the deadline.
- OR apply for an Absentee or Mail-in ballot to be mailed to your current address

NOTE: ballots will not be forwarded by the postal service.

### **I haven't voted for some time; will my name be purged from the poll books?**

If you are registered but you haven't voted in two consecutive federal election cycles (for EIGHT years) you will be sent a card asking you to verify your registered address. If you respond to this notification, you are maintained on the voter rolls.

If you do not reply to the mailing, you will be put on an INACTIVE list.

You are still allowed to vote, however as an Inactive voter, you must sign an affidavit confirming your address and your right to vote when you go back to the polls.

In addition, every year the voter registration office also matches its records of inactive voters with a U.S. Postal Service database.

Voters who move can stay on the rolls by contacting [VotesPA.com](http://VotesPA.com) to update their registration.

## Consider becoming a Poll Worker

Duties include:

- Opening and closing the polls
- Setting up voting equipment
- Registering and signing-in voters
- Assisting voters with questions

Poll workers are trained by the County and are paid for their service.

The salary is \$195 for full day workers and \$97.50 for a half-day; the judge of elections will be paid \$200.

In general, the following are the requirements for becoming a poll worker

- You must be a registered voter in the county in which you wish to serve
- In most instances, government employees and officials are NOT allowed to serve
- If your name appears on the ballot, you are NOT allowed to serve
- In most cases, you must be able to work the full day from before the polls open at 7 a.m. until after the polls close at 8 p.m.

High School Students 17 years of age with parental and school permission are also allowed to serve.

## Some useful addresses:

### **Bucks County Board of Elections**

55 E. Court St.

Doylestown, PA 18901

Board of Elections - 215-348-6154

[elections@buckscounty.org](mailto:elections@buckscounty.org)

Some services are also available at the Government Services Centers (Register to vote, absentee ballot applications, early in-person voting, mail-in ballot drop off, etc.)

<b>Lower Bucks County</b> 7321 New Falls Road Levittown, PA 19055 Phone: 267-580-3500	<b>Upper Bucks County</b> 261 California Road Quakertown PA 18951 Phone: 215-529-7250
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