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Documentary proof required to register to vote

To register to vote in-person or by absentee, you must provide documentary proof of your United States citizenship (NEW), age, domicile and identity. Also, if you have changed your name, you must present any documents related to that name change, such as a marriage license.

Applicants registering to vote no longer have the option of completing an affidavit as an alternative to providing documentary proof of their qualifications as a voter.

Per the N.H. Secretary of State's website, you may present documents in paper, photocopy, or electronic form. See ["The State of New Hampshire, Registering to Vote in New Hampshire"](#).

If an applicant does not provide acceptable documentary proof of identity, age, United States citizenship, and/or domicile, they are not eligible to be registered to vote. For more details, see the NH Secretary of State (SOS) webpages called, ["Register to Vote,"](#) ["How To Register to Vote,"](#) ["Registering to Vote in New Hampshire"](#) and ["At the Polls On Election Day"](#).

Currently or previously registered voters

When you registered to vote, your name was added to the checklist for that town/ward for all future elections. **However, if you move to a different town or ward or do not vote at least once every five years, you will need to re-register.** If you are currently or were previously registered to vote in a New Hampshire town or ward, and your local election official can confirm it through the Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS) or other official records, you do not need to prove your U.S. citizenship and age when you register to vote in your new town or ward in New Hampshire. You still need to prove your identity and domicile. See the Q & A on the NH Secretary of State (SOS) webpage titled, ["How to Register to Vote"](#).

To register to vote in person

To register to vote in person, you must complete a Voter Registration Form, provided by your town or city clerk or the supervisor of the checklist, and present qualified documentary proof of your voter qualifications (United States citizenship, age, domicile (primary residence) and identity). You may present documents in paper, photocopy, or electronic form.

To register to vote by absentee

If you are unable to register to vote in-person, for at least one of the qualifying reasons, you can register to vote by absentee. If you qualify to register to vote by absentee, you must request the applicable absentee voter registration affidavit and voter registration form from your town or city clerk.

To register to vote absentee, you must complete and return the forms to your town or city clerk, along with the applicable documentation to establish U.S. citizenship, age, domicile and identity. The absentee voter registration affidavit must be witnessed. You may present documents in paper, photocopy, or electronic form. For more details see the NH SOS webpages called ["Absentee Voter Registration"](#) and ["Registering to Vote in New Hampshire."](#)

To vote in person at the polls on Election Day

To obtain a ballot at the polls on Election Day, registered voters must prove their identity. Most do so by showing a qualified photo ID such as a driver's license or non-driver ID. For more details, see the NH SOS webpage titled, "[Election Day Voting](#)".

To vote by absentee ballot

If you are a registered voter unable to vote in-person at the polls on election day, for at least one of the qualifying reasons, you can apply to vote by absentee ballot. To apply to vote absentee, you will need to complete an Absentee Ballot Application and return it to your local clerk with the required proof of identity (noted on the forms) for approval. For more details, see the SOS webpage called, "[Absentee Ballots](#)".

To confirm a domicile if you are homeless

Homeless Confirmation of Domicile requires reasonable written documentation, which establishes that a homeless shelter or other similar service provider receives United States mail on that person's behalf. Or, which establishes that it is more likely than not that the applicant is domiciled at an address in the town or ward in which the applicant desires to vote. For more details, see "[State of New Hampshire Voter Registration, Homeless Confirmation of Domicile](#)".

The above summary is based on NH election law information provided on the NH Secretary of State website (as of 11/2025), as part of the UUSL current events group's "Get Out the Vote" initiative.

If you have any questions about registering to vote or voting, contact your town or city clerk.