

This resource is designed to provide you with clear and concise answers to common questions about general elections. Whether you're a first-time voter or a seasoned participant, understanding the electoral process is crucial for making informed decisions and ensuring your voice is heard. Our goal is to empower you with the knowledge and confidence needed to participate fully in the democratic process.

IMPORTANT 2024 KENTUCKY ELECTION DATES

Source: [Kentucky State Board of Elections Website](#)

October 7th	LAST DAY to register to vote for the 2024 General Election
October 22nd	LAST DAY to request an Absentee Ballot for the 2024 General Election
October 23rd	Early voting for 2024 General Election begins
November 5th	2024 General Election

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Kentucky has many resources for voters. Be sure to ask your [County Clerk](#) or visit the [State Election Board's website](#) for more information. Click on any question below to jump to the answer in this document.

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IMPORTANT LINKS

Kentucky State Board of Elections website

<https://elect.ky.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

Kentucky Voter Rights

<https://elect.ky.gov/Voters/Pages/Voter-Rights.aspx>

Kentucky Polling Locations

<https://elect.ky.gov/Voters/Pages/Polling-Locations.aspx>

Voter ID Requirements

<https://elect.ky.gov/Voters/Pages/Absentee-Excused-In-Person.aspx>

Voter Information Portal

<https://vrsws.sos.ky.gov/ovrweb/govoteky>

Online Voter Registration Portal

<https://vrsws.sos.ky.gov/ovrweb/govoteky>

Voting in Kentucky Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=amG-eKxHRJY>

REGISTERING TO VOTE IN KENTUCKY

Registering to vote is the first step you must take if you want to participate in local, state and federal elections in Kentucky. The 2024 General Election is the only election taking place throughout the rest of 2024.

You must complete the Voter Declaration to be eligible to register to vote. To do this, simply verify the following terms on your voter registration (online or on paper).

- I am a U.S. Citizen.
- I am a current resident of Kentucky.
- I will be at least 18 years of age on or before the next general election.
- I am not a convicted felon, or if I have been convicted of a felony, my right to vote has been restored following an expungement, Executive Pardon, or Executive Order.
- I have not been judged "mentally incompetent" in a court of law.
- I do not claim the right to vote anywhere outside Kentucky.

HOW DO I REGISTER TO VOTE?

There are three ways you can register to vote in Kentucky. Pick the best option for you:

- Complete a Voter Registration Card at your County Clerk's office. You can locate your County Clerk [here](#).
- Or download and complete a Voter Registration Application and mail it to the State Board of Elections. Download a copy of the Voter Registration Application [here](#).
- Or you can go online to register to vote [here](#).

HOW DO I FILL OUT A VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION?

You can find detailed information on how to correctly fill out a Voter Registration Application [here](#).

IS THERE A DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE?

If you plan to vote in the November 5th, 2024 election, you must be registered to vote by October 7th, 2024.

WHAT INFORMATION DO I NEED TO REGISTER TO VOTE?

To register to vote by completing a Voter Registration Card or completing the Voter Registration Application you will need to provide the following information:

- Social security number
- Date of birth
- Work phone (if applicable)
- Home phone (if applicable)
- Gender
- Full government name
- Residential address

To register to vote online, you will need to provide the following information:

- Social security number
- Date of birth
- Work phone (if applicable)
- Home phone (if applicable)
- Gender
- Full government name
- Residential address
- KY Driver's License number*

**Providing your Driver's License (or Personal ID) number will allow your signature to be transferred to this application. If you do not have a Kentucky Driver's License (or Personal ID), you can sign the application by another method.*

CAN I REGISTER TO VOTE WHEN I'M 17?

Yes, you can register at 17 and participate in a Primary Election if you will be 18 years old by the General Election.

WHAT ADDRESS SHOULD I USE TO REGISTER TO VOTE?

- If you work in a different city, county or state than where you live or if own property in multiple locations, remember to register to vote at the address where you live.
- If you own multiple houses and live at each of them during different parts of the year, choose one address as your voting location.
- If you are a college student, this is your decision to make based on whatever is most convenient for you. You can register to vote where you are attending college or register to vote where your parents live.

CAN I RESTORE MY RIGHT TO VOTE AFTER A FELONY CONVICTION?

You can learn more about having your right to vote restored [here](#).

HOW TO CHECK YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

HOW DO I FIND OUT IF I AM ALREADY REGISTERED TO VOTE?

There are a few ways to check if you are currently registered to vote in Kentucky, as well as to check your voter registration information to make sure it's up to date.

- Call your County Clerk and ask. You can locate your County Clerk [here](#)
- Use the [Voter Information Center](#) to check your current voter registration information.
- Use the [Online Voter Registration portal](#) to find/update your voter registration.

I REGISTERED TO VOTE, BUT NEVER RECEIVED A VOTER REGISTRATION CARD IN THE MAIL. WHAT DO I DO NEXT?

Once you are registered to vote, your County Clerk will send you an acknowledgment card verifying your registration or informing you of a problem with your registration. This card will provide you with the information concerning your precinct location for Election Day.

Contact your [County Clerk](#) if you do not receive notification within 2-3 weeks or, if it is close to the registration deadline, to check the status of your registration. You will not receive notification if you are moving within the same precinct or are only changing your political party affiliation.

I AM REGISTERED TO VOTE, BUT I HAVE MOVED SINCE. DO I NEED TO REGISTER AGAIN?

Yes, you should update your voter registration. You can do this through the [Online Voter Registration portal](#).

MY LEGAL NAME HAS CHANGED. DO I NEED TO REGISTER AGAIN?

Yes, you should update your voter registration. You can do this through the [Online Voter Registration portal](#).

VOTING IN KENTUCKY

WHAT SHOULD I BRING WITH ME TO VOTE?

You will need to bring a Photo ID (Driver's License, military or college ID, government ID).

WHAT IF I DON'T HAVE A PHOTO ID?

Kentucky offers free state-issued ID cards to individuals over 18 without a valid Driver's License. Make an appointment at your KYTC Regional Driver Licensing Office and bring your birth certificate, social security card, and proof of residency (lease, bill with name and address).

Or, you can sign a waiver at the polling place citing your reason for not having a valid accepted ID. Photo ID alternatives with the waiver **must show your name** and include: a social security card, a Kentucky county approved ID, an alternate photo ID, a credit or debit card, food stamp ID card, EBT card, or supplemental nutrition assistance card.

Your identity can also be verified by a personal acquaintance with an election official who must sign an affirmation.

You can read the Voter ID Requirements from the State Board of Elections [here](#).

HOW DO I FIND OUT WHAT'S ON MY BALLOT?

For the 2024 General Election, the Kentucky Secretary of State will provide a sample ballot closer to the election. You can find the on the [Voter Information Portal](#).

WHERE DO I VOTE?

The address for the building where you are supposed to vote may change depending on the type of election. (For example, early voting versus a special election versus a federal election).

Polling locations in Kentucky for the 2024 General Election will be available after August 20th, 2024.

WHAT ARE THE HOURS FOR VOTING?

Polls will be open from 6am to 6pm local time for the 2024 General Election in Kentucky.

HOW DO I SIGN UP FOR ABSENTEE VOTING?

Voting by absentee ballot is a multi-step process with its own deadlines. Find information about how to apply for and receive an absentee ballot on the State Board of Election's website by clicking [here](#).

The [Absentee Request Portal](#) will be open from September 21st through October 22nd, 2024.

CAN I VOTE EARLY WITHOUT AN ABSENTEE BALLOT?

Yes. In-person No Excuse Absentee Voting before Election Day dates are October 23rd, 24th, 25th and October 28th, 29th, and 30th. Early voting locations will be selected by your County Clerk. Those locations will be available after August 20th, 2024.