

# VOTER REGISTRATION

## In South Carolina

### Who Can Register to Vote

You must be registered to be eligible to vote in South Carolina elections. To register you must:

- ⦿ Be a United States citizen
- ⦿ Be at least 18 years old on or before the next election
- ⦿ Be a resident of the state, county, and precinct in which you are registered to vote
- ⦿ Not be under a court order declaring you mentally incompetent
- ⦿ Not be confined to a public prison as a result of a conviction of a crime
- ⦿ Have never been convicted of a felony or offense against the election laws; or if you have been convicted, you have completed your sentence including probation and parole, or you have received a pardon

There is no length of residency requirement to register to vote.

### Registration Deadline

Voter registration applications must be received by the county voter registration office or be postmarked prior to the 30th day before an election.

### How to Register

#### Online at [scVOTES.org](https://scVOTES.org)

- ⦿ Requires valid S.C. Driver's License or DMV ID
- ⦿ If you have moved, you must first update your address with DMV

#### By mail

- ⦿ Download an application at [scVOTES.org](https://scVOTES.org)
- ⦿ Return the application by mail, fax or email

#### In person

- ⦿ Visit your county voter registration and elections office
- ⦿ Visit your local DMV office

Find contact information from your county voter registration office at [scVOTES.org](https://scVOTES.org).

### ID Required to Register

Identification is required to register to vote.

Acceptable forms of ID:

- ⦿ Current, Valid Photo ID or
- ⦿ Utility Bill, Bank Statement, Paycheck or Government Document showing your name and address in your county.

If you register by mail, fax or email; you must include a copy of one of these IDs. If you do not, you will be required to provide one of these IDs the first time you vote.

### Photo ID Required to Vote

At the polling place, you will be asked to provide one of the following types of photo identification:

- ⦿ S.C. Driver's License, S.C. Department of Motor Vehicles ID Card, S.C. Voter Registration Card with Photo, Federal Military ID, U.S. Passport
- ⦿ If you don't have a Photo ID, you need to get one before voting. Free Photo IDs are available from your county voter registration office by providing your name, date of birth and last four digits of your social security number.
- ⦿ If you can't get a Photo ID, bring your non-photo voter registration card with you to the polls. You can vote after signing an affidavit stating your impediment to obtaining photo ID.
- ⦿ For more information on Photo ID rules and exceptions, visit [scVOTES.org](https://scVOTES.org).

### If You Move

If you move within the county, update your address with the county voter registration and elections office.

- ⦿ Online at [scVOTES.org](https://scVOTES.org)
- ⦿ Download a **change of address** form from [scVOTES.org](https://scVOTES.org) or complete the back of your paper voter registration card and return it to your county voter registration and elections office.
- ⦿ Mail, fax or email a new voter registration application.
- ⦿ If you move to another county within the state you **MUST** submit a new voter registration application.

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For more voter registration and election information contact your county voter registration and elections office or visit: [scVOTES.org](http://scVOTES.org).

Ask your county voter registration and elections office for literature on any of the following topics:

- ⊙ Voting in South Carolina
- ⊙ Absentee Voting in South Carolina
- ⊙ Access for All Voters in South Carolina
- ⊙ 1-2-3 Vote - How to Use South Carolina's Voting System

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