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Living Life Your Way
a video series presented by
**The disAbility Resource Center of
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"The Power of the Disability Vote"
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“The Power of the Disability Vote”



Why Vote?

- You care about what happens in the community and in the world.
- You want your voice to be heard.
- If you do not vote, you are letting others decide for you.





"Why is the disability vote so important? - YouTube
Video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7MCjptA158c>

Did you know?



In 2020, over
35 million
people with disabilities
are eligible to vote!



Who can vote in Virginia?

To be eligible to register to vote in Virginia a person must be:

- U.S. Citizen
- 18 years old on or before Election Day
- Registered only in Virginia and not plan to vote in another state
- If convicted of a felony, your right to vote must have been restored

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Who can vote in Virginia? (continued)

- Any person, regardless of their disability status, has the right to register to vote.
- A person with disabilities can be eligible to register and vote if not adjudicated incapacitated by a court of law.

Guardianship document will state your right to register to vote. Review your guardianship document with your guardian to confirm your eligibility to vote.

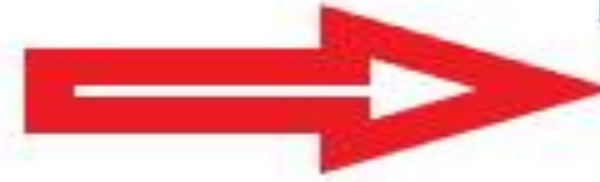


Where can I register to Vote?

You may register to vote:

- Online at [Virginia Department of Elections](http://www.elections.virginia.gov) (DOE) website at www.elections.virginia.gov.
- By mail [download forms](#) on the DOE's website. The forms are on the registration page.
- At your local voter registration office, which can accommodate special needs: www.elections.virginia.gov/LocalGR





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REMEMBER YOUR REGISTRATION DEADLINES

- General Elections are 22 days before election
- Primary Elections are 22 days before election
- Special Elections are 14 days before election
- Special Elections (Called by the Governor) are 7 days before election



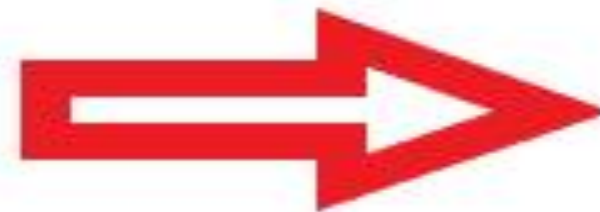
Election deadline information is also found at [Upcoming elections](#).

REGISTER TO VOTE

- [How do I become a Registered Voter?](#)
- [How do I view or change my Voter Information?](#)
- [Voter Forms](#)

Improve your Chances of Successful Registration

- Complete all information blocks on the application. If any information requested does not apply to you, indicate such by writing the word "NONE" or "NA" in that space.
- Sign and date the registration application.
- Submit your completed application by mailing it to the appropriate address listed on the application, or delivering it to your local registration office.



When will I know my Voter Registration Status?

- When you register, the local registrar mails voter notifications directly to you.
- If you have not received any information in the mail, you can check your status online at Virginia DOE's website
- If you cannot confirm your registration online, please call your local general registrar. You will find that contact information at DOE:
www.elections.virginia.gov/LocalGR



What are acceptable ID's to Vote?

- Virginia DMV-issued ID card
- US Passport
- Employer-issued ID
- Copy of current utility bill, bank statement, or other government document containing name and address
- Review the DOE's website for a complete list of acceptable IDs



What are the New ID Procedures?

- When a voter arrives at their polling place, they will be asked to show an acceptable form of identification
- If a voter does not show ID, they will be required to sign a statement that they are the named registered voter they claim to be before they can cast their ballot
- Voters who do not show ID and do not sign a statement will be offered a provisional ballot.
- Provisional ballots provide a way for people to vote whose voter registration or qualification to vote are in question.



Photo Identification is No Longer Required

- In the past, all voters were required to present a photo ID when voting in person.
- In 2020, Governor Northam signed legislation repealing this requirement.



Where can I cast my Vote?

- At your local polling place on Election Day
- Absentee ballot (allows you to vote by mail)
- At any Early Voting location in your county



What is Absentee Voting and Vote by Mail?

- In Virginia, Absentee Voting and Vote by Mail are the same. It means voting before Election Day.
- As of 2020 voters no longer need to provide a reason or excuse when applying for an absentee ballot.
- Early in-person voting begins September 18, 2020 to October 31, 2020.



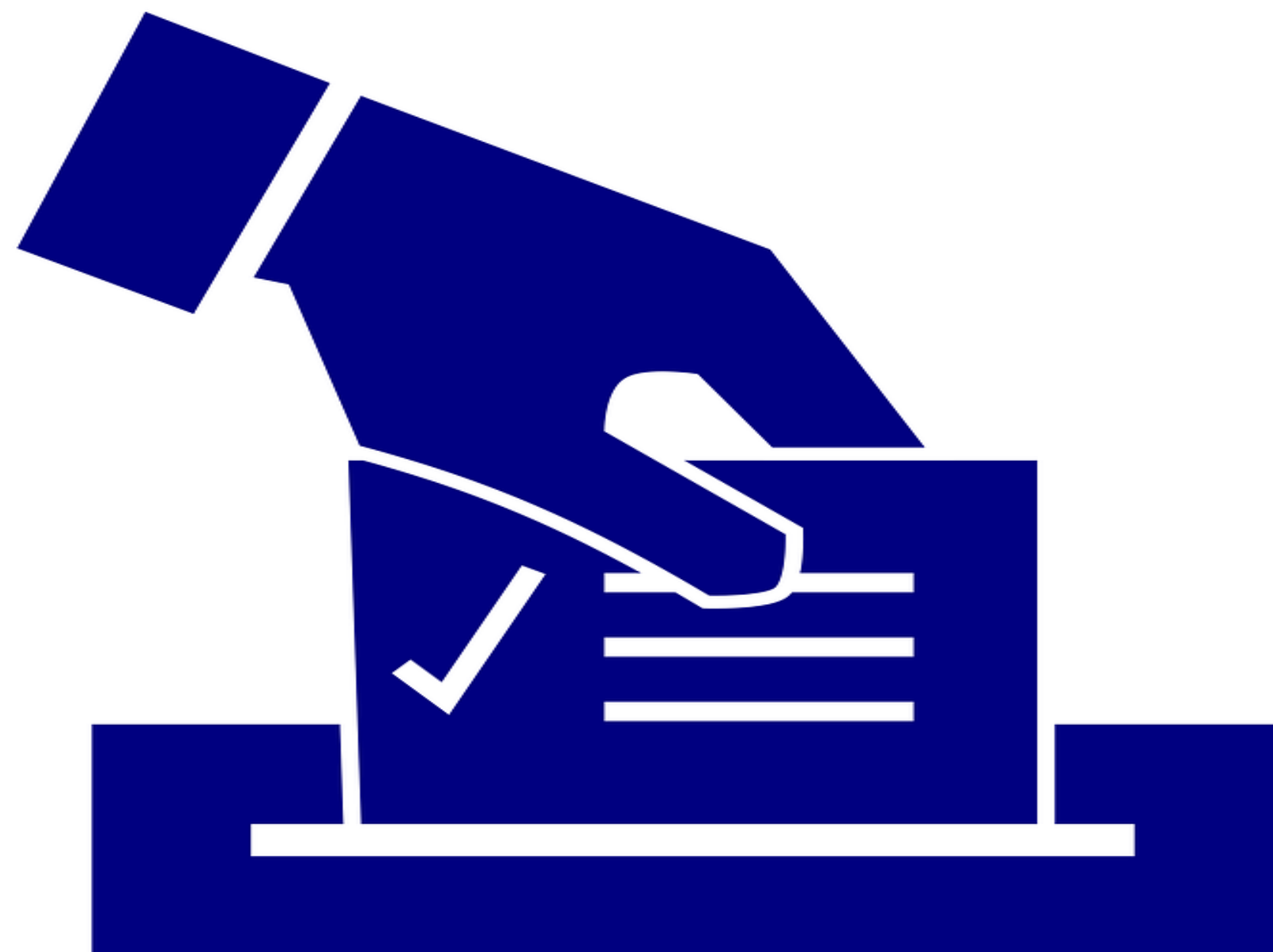
How to Vote Absentee?

- Apply to vote absentee at the Department of Election website.
- Submit the completed Absentee form to your local registrar's office by mail, fax, or scanned attachment to an email.
- When you receive your ballot in the mail, complete it according to the instructions included, and mail it back to their registrar's office.



When is the Next Election?

- The General Election will be held in Virginia on Tuesday, **November 3, 2020.**
- In Virginia, we will be casting ballots for U.S. President, U.S. Senator, and member of U.S. Congress.



Important Dates

- **Early Voting Begins:**
September 18, 2020
- **Virginia Registration Deadline**
Last day to register online, by-mail, and in-person
Tuesday, October 13, 2020
- **Last day to request a vote by mail ballot**
Friday, October 23, 2020 by 5:00 p.m.
- **Last day to vote absentee/early in-person**
Saturday, October 31, 2020 by 5:00 p.m.
- **General Election**
November 3, 2020



Voting on Election Day

- Access [Virginia Department of Elections](#) website to lookup your polling place.
- Learn about the candidates visit <https://www.vote411.org> and <https://www.nonprofitvote.org/>
- Virginia polls open at 6:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.



Will my Polling Place be Accessible?

As a voter with a disability, you have the right to:

- Vote privately and independently;
- Have an accessible polling place and accessible voting machines;
- Seek assistance from workers at the polling place who have been trained to use the accessible voting machines; and
- Bring someone to help you vote
- If you are 65 or older, or have a physical disability, you may vote on Election Day without leaving your vehicle. This is called curbside voting.
- Ask an election officer to explain your rights.





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