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How do I register to vote?

To register to vote in California, you must be:

- A United States citizen and a resident of California;
- 18 years old or older on Election Day;
- Not currently serving a state or federal prison term for the conviction of a felony; and
- Not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court.

If you are eligible, you can register to vote or update your registration online at registertovote.ca.gov. If you would like to fill out a physical form, voter registration applications can be found at post offices and libraries.

You must re-register to vote if you move, change your name, or change your political party preference.

Can I pre-register to vote in California?

Yes, to pre-register to vote in California, you must:

- Be 16 or 17 years old; and
- Meet all the other eligibility requirements to vote.

After pre-registering, you will automatically be registered to vote on your 18th birthday. Go to registertovote.ca.gov to pre-register to vote.

What if I need to check my voter registration status?

To check your voter registration status including political party you can use the "My Voter Status" tool at voterstatus.sos.ca.gov. You can also call our Voter Hotline at 1 800 345 VOTE (8683) for your status.

What if I need voter information in a different language?

Statewide voter information is available in 10 languages. Visit <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/voting-california>. Contact your county elections official to see what languages local information may be available in.

What if I miss the voter registration deadline?

If you miss the deadline to register to vote 15 days before an election, you can still go to your county elections office, vote center, or polling place on or before Election Day to complete the conditional voter registration process (often referred to as "Same Day Voter Registration"). You will have to fill out a voter registration card and will be given a ballot. Once county elections officials have verified your voter registration, your vote will be counted. Contact your county elections official for more information or visit vote.ca.gov.

When will I receive my voter guide?

Registered voters will receive, by mail, their non-partisan state Voter Information Guide from the Secretary of State's office a few weeks before Election Day. The state Voter Information Guide will also be available online at voterguide.sos.ca.gov. County elections offices will also mail a county Voter Information Guide to voters. County voter guides will include information about where and how to vote as well as a sample ballot.

When will I receive my ballot?

County elections officials will mail vote by mail ballots to all active registered voters for every election, if they have registered before the voter registration deadline. For the November 8, 2022, General Election, counties will begin mailing ballots by October 10, 2022.

Can I track my vote-by-mail ballot?

Yes! Where's My Ballot? allows voters to track and receive notifications on the status of their vote by mail ballot. Sign up at WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov to receive automatic email, SMS (text), or voice call notifications about your ballot.

How does California's statewide top two primary work?

The June 7, 2022, Primary Election determined which candidates will appear on the November 8, 2022, General Election ballot. In California's top two primary system, the two candidates, regardless of party preference, who receive the most votes in each primary contest move on to the general election. After a top two primary, there must be a general election even if one candidate receives more than 50 percent of the votes or there is only one candidate in the primary.

The top two primary system does not apply to the office of State Superintendent of Public Instruction or to candidates running for county central committee or local offices.

What if I need a replacement ballot or need an emergency ballot?

If you did not receive your vote by mail ballot or you have lost or destroyed your original vote by mail ballot, and you are unable to vote in person at the polls, you may apply in writing for a late vote by mail ballot. This application will need to be provided in person to the county elections official by you or your representative. The late vote by mail ballot application can be found at [elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov/vote by mail/pdf/late vote by mail application.pdf](https://elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov/vote%20by%20mail/pdf/late%20vote%20by%20mail%20application.pdf).

How can I return my vote-by-mail ballot?

You may return your vote by mail ballot by:

- Mailing it to your county elections official (must be postmarked on or before Election Day and received by your county elections office no later than 7 days after Election Day);
- Dropping your ballot into one of your county's ballot drop boxes, or at a ballot drop off location, ballot drop box, or a polling location anywhere in the state; or
- Asking someone you trust to return your ballot for you, as long as they do not get paid on a per ballot basis.

How early can I vote?

Your county may offer early voting locations before Election Day. For a list go to vote.ca.gov. For the November 8, 2022, General Election, ballots will be mailed to every active Californian voter by October 10, 2022. To ensure your vote by mail ballot is counted, it must be postmarked on or before Election Day and received by your county elections office no later than 7 days after Election Day.

How do I find my polling place or vote center?

- Check the back of your county Voter Information Guide for your polling place, vote centers, or ballot drop off locations
- Contact your county elections office
- Call the Secretary of State's Voter Hotline - 1 800 345- VOTE (8683) or visit voterstatus.sos.ca.gov
- Text 'VOTE' to 'GOVOTE' (468 683)

Is my vote secure?

Yes, California exceeds Federal requirements for election security. Every vote must be cast on a paper ballot or have a voter verified paper audit trail. Voting equipment used to cast and count ballots must be certified for use in California and kept offline. Elections officials conduct post election audits, including a manual tally of a sample of ballots, after every election to ensure the accuracy and integrity of the vote count. Voters can find official, trusted election information as well as learn more about our election security safeguards, and cybersecurity efforts at vote.ca.gov.

How do I find out if my ballot has been counted?

You can go to "My Voter Status" to find out if your vote was counted and if not, why not at voterstatus.sos.ca.gov.

How can I get up-to-the-minute election results?

- Statewide election vote counts can be found at electionresults.sos.ca.gov
- Follow us on Twitter @CASOSvote
- Sign up for E updates at <https://goo.gl/BB7zb4>

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Register to Vote.....Oct 24
Conditional Voter Registration..... Oct 25 Nov 8
Return vote by mail ballot..... Nov 8

Vote by mail ballots must be postmarked on or before November 8, 2022, and received by county elections offices no later than November 15, 2022.



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