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### Voter Registration Deadlines

	<b>Registration Deadline</b>
<b>Alabama</b>	14 days before an election (AL Code 17-3-50)
<b>Alaska</b>	Mailed registrations must be postmarked 30 days before an election; facsimile or other electronic submissions must be received 30 days before an election (AK Stat. 15.07.070(c))
<b>Arizona</b>	29 days before an election (AZ Stat. 16-120)
<b>Arkansas</b>	30 days before an election; a mailed registration form must be postmarked 30 days before the election date or, if it is received by mail but not postmarked, must be received 25 days prior to the election (AR Const. Amend. 51, § 9)
<b>California</b>	15 days before an election; mailed registration forms must be postmarked 15 days prior to election (Cal. Elec. Code § 2102); same day registration will be available when a statewide registration database is completed
<b>Colorado</b>	22 days before an election if through a voter registration drive; 8 days before an election if through mail, voter registration agency, motor vehicle agency, or online; same day registration permitted (CRS 1-2-201)
<b>Connecticut</b>	Primary: Application must be postmarked or received (if not by mail) by the 5 <sup>th</sup> day before a primary; may apply in person at the town clerk or register until noon on the last business day before a primary General Election: Application must be postmarked or submitted in person by the 7 <sup>th</sup> day before a general election ( <a href="https://portal.ct.gov/SOTS/Election-Services/Registration-Deadlines/Registration-Deadlines">https://portal.ct.gov/SOTS/Election-Services/Registration-Deadlines/Registration-Deadlines</a> ) Same day registration is permitted on any regular election day (Gen. Stat. of Conn., tit. 9, § 143-9-19j)
<b>Delaware</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday before any presidential primary, primary or general election (mailed applications must be postmarked by this date); 10 days before a special election (Del. Code tit. 15 § 2036 and § 2037)
<b>D.C.</b>	21 days before an election by mail, online, or in person; registration available during early voting and on election day with proof of residence ( <a href="https://www.dcboe.org/FAQS/Voter-Registration">https://www.dcboe.org/FAQS/Voter-Registration</a> )
<b>Florida</b>	29 days before an election (Fla. Stat. 97.055)
<b>Georgia</b>	The fifth Monday before a general primary, general election, or presidential preference primary; the 5 <sup>th</sup> day after the date-of-call for special primaries and special elections. Mailed-in registration applications must be postmarked by the registration deadline unless there is no postmark, or it is illegible, in which case it must be received by the close of business on the 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday prior to an election (Ga. Code Ann., § 21-2-224)
<b>Hawaii</b>	4:30 pm on the 13 <sup>th</sup> day prior to each primary, special primary, special, general, or special general election (HRS §11-24); may register in person on election day or at an early voting location ( <a href="https://elections.hawaii.gov/voters/registration/">https://elections.hawaii.gov/voters/registration/</a> )
<b>Idaho</b>	24 days before an election, or on Election Day at a county "Absent Electors' Voting Place" (ID Code §34-408)
<b>Illinois</b>	35 days before an election at county clerk's office if precinct registration is available or 28 days before an election at county clerk's office if no precinct registration for regular and special elections; 15 days before an election to approve a Constitutional amendment (10 ILCS 5/5-5); precinct registration on a special registration day or days between 28 and 36 days before the election at specified locations in each precinct, which is set by the county clerk (10 ILCS 5/5-17)
<b>Indiana</b>	29 days before a primary, general, municipal, or special election (IN Code §3-7-13-10)
<b>Iowa</b>	5 pm, 10 days before general elections; 5 pm, 11 days before primary or other elections; postmarked 15 or more days before an election for mail registrations; Election Day registration also available (IA Code §48A.9)

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<b>Kansas</b>	21 days before an election; mail registration must be postmarked by 21 days before an election, or, if the postmark is illegible or missing, is received in the mail not later than the 9 <sup>th</sup> day preceding the day of any election. (KS Stat. §25-2311),
<b>Kentucky</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday preceding a primary or general election; 28 days before a special election (KRS § 116.045)
<b>Louisiana</b>	30 days before an election; if, due to a declared emergency, there cannot be at least one registration office open in a parish 30 days before an election, registration closes on the first business day the offices can reopen up to 20 days before an election (LSA-R.S. 18:135)
<b>Maine</b>	Mail-in registration must be delivered 21 business days before an election; close of the polls on election day for in-person registration (21-A MRS §121-A)
<b>Maryland</b>	9 p.m. on the 21 <sup>st</sup> day preceding an election. (Md. Election Code §3-302); voters may also register during early voting (Md. Election Code § 3-305)
<b>Massachusetts</b>	8 p.m. 20 days before an election; mail-in registration must be postmarked by midnight of the 20 <sup>th</sup> day before an election, unless a postmark is unclear or illegible, in which case a mailed application shall be accepted up to five days after the final day to register (M.G.L.A. 51 § 26)
<b>Michigan</b>	Mail-in registration must be postmarked 15 days before the election; may register in person any time past the 15 day deadline and on Election Day (M.C.L.A. 168.499e, <a href="https://www.michigan.gov/documents/MIVoterRegistration_97046_7.pdf">https://www.michigan.gov/documents/MIVoterRegistration_97046_7.pdf</a> )
<b>Minnesota</b>	Registration temporarily closes 20 days before an election for mail-in, online, and in-person registration (M.S.A. § 201.054); can register on election day at the polls (M.S.A. § 201.061); paper registration can be sent with an absentee ballot (M.S.A. § 203B.04) ( <a href="https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/register-to-vote/register-on-paper/">https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/register-to-vote/register-on-paper/</a> )
<b>Mississippi</b>	30 days before an election (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-37); a mail-in application must be postmarked 30 days before an election ( <a href="https://www.sos.ms.gov/Elections-Voting/Documents/Voter_Registration.pdf">https://www.sos.ms.gov/Elections-Voting/Documents/Voter_Registration.pdf</a> )
<b>Missouri</b>	5 p.m. on the 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday prior to the election (Rev. Stat. of Miss. 115.135); mail-in applications must be postmarked by the 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday prior to the election ( <a href="https://www.sos.mo.gov/elections/goVoteMissouri/register">https://www.sos.mo.gov/elections/goVoteMissouri/register</a> )
<b>Montana</b>	30 days before an election; mail-in applications must be postmarked by the 30 <sup>th</sup> day before an election and will be accepted for 3 days after the registration is closed (MCA 13-2-301); late registration is permitted up to the close of the polls on Election Day except from noon to 5 p.m. the day before the election (MCA 13-2-304)
<b>Nebraska</b>	6 p.m. on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday before the election when registering in person (Neb. Rev. St. § 32-302); mail-in registration forms must be postmarked by the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday before an election
<b>Nevada</b>	Primary or general election: application by mail must be received by the 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday before the election; in-person application must be received by the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday before the election; online application deadline is the Thursday before the first day of the early voting period.  Recall or special election not held on the same day as a primary or general election: deadline to register is the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday before the election (N.R.S. 293.560).
<b>New Hampshire</b>	Last day to register is the day that the Supervisors of the Checklist set their meeting in each county (6-13 days before a primary or election) ( <a href="http://sos.nh.gov/HowRegVote.aspx">http://sos.nh.gov/HowRegVote.aspx</a> ) or register at the polls on election day (N.H. Rev. Stat. § 654:7-a)
<b>New Jersey</b>	21 days before an election (N.J.S.A. 19:31-6)
<b>New Mexico</b>	28 days before an election; mail-in registration applications must be postmarked by the deadline (N. M. S. A. 1978, § 1-4-8)
<b>New York</b>	Mail-in applications must be postmarked 25 days before and received no later than the 20 <sup>th</sup> day before a primary, general, or special election; applications may be delivered in person until the 10 <sup>th</sup> day before a special election (N.Y. Election Law §5-210(3))

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<b>North Carolina</b>	Postmarked 25 days before an election or received 20 days before an election if the postmark is missing or unclear; if submitted in person, by facsimile transmission, or by scanning, must be submitted by a time established by the county board of elections; if submitted through a delegate, must be given to them no later than 25 days before an election; if a person has become qualified to register and vote between the 25 day period before the election, they may register on election day (N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 163A-865)
<b>North Dakota</b>	North Dakota does not have voter registration.
<b>Ohio</b>	Postmarked 30 days before an election, unless the postmark is missing or illegible, in which case registration must be received 25 days before the election; registration not submitted by mail must be received 30 days before the election. (Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 3503.19)
<b>Oklahoma</b>	24 days before an election; if submitted by mail, must be postmarked 24 days before the election or, if there is no postmark, received 19 days before an election (Okla. Stat. tit. 26 § 4-110.1)
<b>Oregon</b>	Citizens with driver's licenses are automatically registered to vote and receive notification of registration in the mail, which may be declined until 21 days before the election (Oreg. Rev. Stat. § 247.017)
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	30 days before an election; if registering by mail, must be postmarked 30 days before an election, unless postmark is illegible or missing, in which case it must be received no later than 5 days after the deadline to register (Pa. Cons. Stat. tit. 25 § 1326)
<b>Rhode Island</b>	30 days before an election (R.I. Gen. Laws § 17-9.1-3)
<b>South Carolina</b>	30 days before an election; if registration is mailed, it must be postmarked 30 days before the election, if postmark is missing or ineligible, must be received no later than 5 days after the registration deadline (S.C. Code Ann. § 7-5-150)
<b>South Dakota</b>	Registration must be received by 5 p.m. 15 days before an election (S.D. Codified Laws § 12-4-5)
<b>Tennessee</b>	Must be received 30 days before an election; mailed registration must be postmarked 30 days before an election unless the postmark is missing or ineligible, in which case it must be received 27 days before the election (Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-2-109)
<b>Texas</b>	30 days before an election; mail-in applications must be postmarked 30 days before the election; applications submitted by telephonic facsimile machine must be accompanied by a copy of the registration application submitted by mail and received 4 business days after the transmission of the fax to be effective (Tex. Election Code § 13.143)
<b>Utah</b>	May submit a registration form in person up to 15 days before an election; postmarked 30 days before or submitted online 7 days before an election (Utah Code Ann. § 20A-2-102.5, § 20A-2-201); Election Day registration also available (Utah Code Ann. 20A-2-207)
<b>Vermont</b>	May register any day but election day by submitting an application to the town clerk; on election day, may register at the polling place; no deadline (Vt. Stat. Ann. Tit. 17, § 2144)
<b>Virginia</b>	22 days before a primary or general election; 7 days before a special election called by the Governor, Speaker of the House of Delegates, President pro tempore of the Senate, or the General Assembly; 13 days before any other type of special election (Va. Code Ann. § 24.2-416)
<b>Washington</b>	Application must be received by an election official or submitted electronically by midnight 8 days before an election; may register on Election Day by 8 p.m.
<b>West Virginia</b>	21 days before an election; mail-in applications must be postmarked 21 days before the election unless the postmark is ineligible or missing, in which case the application must be received no later than 3 days after the deadline (W. Va. Code, § 3-2-6)
<b>Wisconsin</b>	Voters who register in person or by mail must submit their applications by the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday preceding the election, and online registration must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday preceding election; same day registration is also available at the polling place on election day (Wis. Stat. § 6.28)
<b>Wyoming</b>	14 days before an election for mail-in registrations, or register at the polling place on election day (Wyo. Stat. § 22-3-102, § 22-3-104)

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