

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 registering
- ⦿ 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 and elections office or be postmarked by the 30th day before an election. If the voter registration deadline falls on a weekend or holiday, applications that are postmarked on the next day that is not a weekend or holiday will be accepted. Registration is permanent as long as you remain a resident of your county, are not convicted of a felony, and are not declared mentally incompetent by a court.

How to Register

Online at scVOTES.gov

- ⦿ 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.gov
- ⦿ Return the application by mail, fax or email

In Person

- ⦿ Visit your county voter registration and elections office
- ⦿ While receiving services at these agencies:
 - Armed Forces Recruiting Stations
 - Commission for the Blind
 - Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services
 - Department of Health and Environmental Control
 - Department of Health and Human Services
 - Department of Mental Health
 - Department of Motor Vehicles
 - Department of Social Services
 - Vocational Rehabilitation Department

Find contact information from your county voter registration and elections office at scVOTES.gov. Once your application is processed, you will receive a voter registration notification in the mail.

ID Required to Register

If registering to vote by mail or in person, provide a copy of one of the following items:

- ⦿ Any current, valid Photo ID; or
- ⦿ A utility bill, bank statement, paycheck or government document showing your name and address in your county.

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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
 - Includes standard License and REAL ID
- ⦿ S.C. Department of Motor Vehicles ID Card
 - Includes standard ID card and REAL ID
 - Includes SC Concealed Weapons Permit
- ⦿ S.C Voter Registration Card with Photo
- ⦿ Federal Military ID
 - Includes all Department of Defense Photo IDs and Veterans Affairs Benefits Card
- ⦿ U.S. Passport
 - Includes US Passport ID Card
- ⦿ If you don't have a Photo ID, you should get one before voting. Free Photo IDs are available from your county voter registration and elections 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.gov](https://scvotes.gov).

If You Move

- ⦿ If you move from one county in South Carolina to another you **MUST** submit a new voter registration application and meet the deadline to register to vote in any specific election.
- ⦿ If you move within the county, update your address as soon as possible online at [scVOTES.gov](https://scvotes.gov) or by using any of the other registration methods. You can also complete the back of your paper voter registration card and return it to your county voter registration and elections office.

For More Information

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

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

- ⦿ **Voting in South Carolina**
- ⦿ **Voter Registration in South Carolina**
- ⦿ **Access for All Voters in South Carolina**
- ⦿ **South Carolina's Paper-Based Voting System**

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