

NOT SURE IF YOU CAN VOTE?

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Frequently Asked Questions & Resources for Voting with a Criminal Record in North Carolina



If I have felonies on my record, how do I find out if I'm eligible to vote or not?

- Effective July 27, 2022, ANY person who is not currently incarcerated CAN register and vote.
 - If you have a felony on your record, effective July 27, 2022, you CAN register and vote
 - If you are on felony probation, parole, or post release supervision, effective July 27, 2022, you CAN register and vote

If I have a Misdemeanor conviction, can I vote?

- If a person has ONLY been convicted of a misdemeanor, their voting rights are never taken away. You CAN vote in NC if you have been previously convicted of a misdemeanor, or if you are currently on probation, post-release supervision, or parole for a misdemeanor.

I was convicted as a juvenile, can I vote now?

- Effective July 27, 2022, ANY person who is not currently incarcerated CAN register and vote. This applies to juvenile convictions as well.

MORE QUESTIONS? CONTACT US!

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RESOURCES

- **Voter Registration Lookup**
<https://vt.ncsbe.gov/RegLkup/>
- **Absentee Ballot Request Portal**
<https://votebymail.ncsbe.gov/app/home>
- **Safe Voter NC**
<https://safevoternc.org/>
- **Absentee Ballot Tracking**
<https://northcarolina.ballottrax.net/voter>
- **Polling Place Locator** <https://vt.ncsbe.gov/PPLkup>
- **One-Stop Voting Site Lookup**
<https://vt.ncsbe.gov/OSSite>

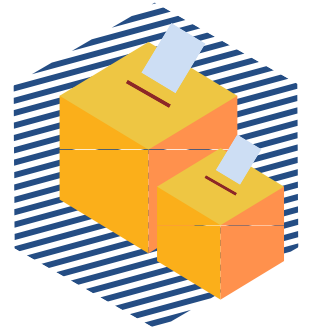
IMPORTANT DATES

- **Absentee Ballots Available** | **September 9, 2022**
- **Civilian Voter Registration Deadline** | **October 14, 2022**
- **One-Stop, In-Person Early Voting Period Begins** | **October 20, 2022**
 - *After this day, only same-day registration during one-stop early voting is available*
- **Deadline for Civilians to Submit an Absentee Ballot Request Form** | **November 1, 2022**
- **One-Stop, In-Person Early Voting Period Ends at 3 P.M.** | **November 5, 2022**
- **Election Day and Civilian Absentee Ballot Return Deadline** | **November 8, 2022**

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VOTER FAQ



Can I vote if I am currently in Extended Limits of Confinement (ELC)?

No, DPS describes this program as NOT an early release from prison. You are still serving an active sentence and therefore cannot vote.

Can I vote if I am currently on a Mutually Agreed Upon Parole Plan? (MAPP)

You cannot vote if you are currently on a Mutually Agreed Upon Parole Plan.

Can I vote if I am on an interstate compact from another state, but under supervision and live in North Carolina?

Yes, if you have resided in NC for at least 30 days prior to election day. As a resident of North Carolina, you will be permitted to vote and are under the jurisdiction of NC law. You will not be subject to the voting laws of the original state.

Can I vote if I am serving a term in a Confinement in Response to Violation (CRV) center for a technical violation?

No, you will not be able to vote if you are serving a term in a CRV center.

What additional documentation may be required if I am registering to vote for the first time?

Any photo ID or a utility bill, bank statement, online bill, pay stub, or government document with your address on it.

Can I vote if I am on federal probation in North Carolina?

Yes, you may vote while on federal probation in North Carolina.

Can I vote if I am receiving transition services from federally-contracted agencies, such as housing in a halfway house (RRC)?

You are likely considered to be serving an active sentence if you are living in a halfway house, and thus unable to vote.

Can I vote if I am receiving transition services from DPS-contracted (state) agencies, such as reentry housing?

Yes, as long as you are not serving an ELC term or MAPP contract.

If I am currently in reentry housing in one county and know that by election time (or soon) I will be moving to another county, should I list my current address or the address of my housing in that future county?

You should register to vote at your **CURRENT address even if you think you will move before election day. Once you move, you should update your registration to reflect your new address.**

How long will it take for my registration to show on the North Carolina State Board of Elections website?

It can take several weeks for your registration to show up. If it has been more than 2 weeks, email legal@forwardjustice.org and we can check on the status of your registration.

FOR MORE GENERAL VOTER FAQ, SUCH AS REGISTRATION DEADLINES AND ADDRESS CHANGES, SCAN HERE:

**FOR ALL OTHER QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUR ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE WITH A FELONY CONVICTION, CONTACT OUR HOTLINE!
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