

# Voter Registration and Information Update Form

Please read instructions carefully. Please type or print clearly with blue or black ink.

For further information, you may consult the Secretary of State's website at: [www.OhioSecretaryofState.gov](http://www.OhioSecretaryofState.gov) or call 1-877-767-6446.

## Eligibility

You are qualified to register to vote in Ohio if you meet all the following requirements:

1. You are a citizen of the United States.
2. You will be at least 18 years old on or before the day of the general election.
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4. You are not incarcerated (in jail or in prison) for a felony conviction.
5. You have not been declared incompetent for voting purposes by a probate court.
6. You have not been permanently disenfranchised for violations of election laws.

**Use this form** to register to vote or to update your current Ohio registration if you have changed your address or name.

**NOTICE:** This form must be *received or postmarked* by the 30th day before an election at which you intend to vote. You will be notified by your county board of elections of the location where you vote. If you do not receive a notice following timely submission of this form, please contact your county board of elections.

**Numbers 1 and 2 below are required by law.** You *must* answer **both** of the questions for your registration to be processed.

## Registering in Person

If you have a current valid Ohio driver's license, you must provide that number on line 10. If you do not have an Ohio driver's license, you must provide the *last four digits* of your Social Security number on line 10. If you have neither, please write "None."

## Registering by Mail

If you register by mail and do **not** provide either a current Ohio driver's license number or the last four digits of your Social Security number, please enclose with your application **a copy** of one of the following forms of identification that shows your name and current address:

Current valid photo identification card, military identification, or current (within one year) utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check or government document (except board of elections notifications) showing your name and current address.

## Residency Requirements

Your voting residence is the location that you consider to be a permanent, not a temporary, residence. Your voting residence is the place in which your habitation is fixed and to which, whenever you are absent, you intend to return. If you do not have a fixed place of habitation, but you are a consistent or regular inhabitant of a shelter or other location to which you intend to return, you may use that shelter or other location as your residence for purposes of registering to vote. If you have questions about your specific residency circumstances, you may contact your local board of elections for further information.

## Your Signature

In the area below the arrow in Box 14, please write your cursive, hand-written signature or make your legal mark, taking care that it does not touch the surrounding lines so when it is digitally imaged by your county board of elections it can effectively be used to identify your signature.

**Please see information on back of this form to learn how to obtain an absentee ballot.**

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I am:  Registering as an Ohio voter  Updating my address  Updating my name

1. Are you a U.S. citizen?  Yes  No  
 2. Will you be at least 18 years of age on or before the next general election?  Yes  No  
**If you answered NO to either of the questions, do not complete this form.**

3. Last Name  First Name  Middle Name or Initial  Jr., II, etc.

4. House Number and Street (Enter new address if changed)  Apt. or Lot #  5. City or Post Office  6. ZIP Code

7. Additional Rural or Mailing Address (if necessary)  8. County (where you live)

9. Birthdate (MO-DAY-YR) (required)  10. Ohio Driver's License No. OR Last Four Digits of Social Security No. (one form of ID required to be listed or provided)  11. Phone No. (voluntary)

12. PREVIOUS ADDRESS IF UPDATING CURRENT REGISTRATION - Previous House Number and Street

Previous City or Post Office  County  State

13. CHANGE OF NAME ONLY Former Legal Name  Former Signature

14. I declare under penalty of election falsification I am a citizen of the United States, will have lived in this state for 30 days immediately preceding the next election, and will be at least 18 years of age at the time of the general election.

Your Signature ↓

Date  /  /   
 MO DAY YR

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City, Village, Twp. <input type="text"/>
Ward <input type="text"/>
Precinct <input type="text"/>
School Dist. <input type="text"/>
Cong. Dist. <input type="text"/>
Senate Dist. <input type="text"/>
House Dist. <input type="text"/>



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Hamilton County Board of Elections  
824 Broadway St.  
Cincinnati OH 45202

### **HOW TO OBTAIN AN OHIO ABSENTEE BALLOT**

You are entitled to vote by absentee ballot in Ohio without providing a reason. Absentee ballot applications may be obtained from your county board of elections or from the Secretary of State at: [www.OhioSecretaryofState.gov](http://www.OhioSecretaryofState.gov) or by calling 1-877-767-6446.

### **OHIO VOTER IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Voters must bring identification to the polls in order to verify identity. Identification may include a current and valid photo identification, a military identification, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of an election or a voter registration notification sent by a board of elections, that shows the voter's name and current address. Voters who do not provide one of these documents will still be able to vote by providing the last four digits of the voter's Social Security number and by casting a provisional ballot. Voters who do not have any of the above forms of identification, including a Social Security number, will still be able to vote by signing an affirmation swearing to the voter's identity under penalty of election falsification and by casting a provisional ballot. For more information on voter identification requirements, please consult the Secretary of State's website at: [www.OhioSecretaryofState.gov](http://www.OhioSecretaryofState.gov) or call 1-877-767-6446.

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## Penalties

### No person shall:

- Knowingly aid or abet any person to register in violation of law:  
5th degree felony; R.C. 3599.11(A).
- Knowingly destroy, or help to destroy, any completed voter registration form:  
5th degree felony; R.C. 3599.11(B)(1).
- Knowingly fail to timely return any voter registration form entrusted to him or her to a board of elections or the Secretary of State:  
5th degree felony or 1st degree misdemeanor; R.C. 3599.11(B)(2).
- Receive compensation for registering voters on a fee per signature or fee per volume basis (only payment on basis of time worked is permitted):  
5th degree felony; R.C. 3599.111(C).

Under Ohio law, a 5th degree felony conviction may result in a prison sentence of 6 to 12 months and/or a fine of up to \$2500. A 1st degree misdemeanor conviction may result in up to 6 months in jail and/or a fine of up to \$1000.

For more information about registering and voting in Ohio, please access online information at [www.OhioSecretaryofState.gov](http://www.OhioSecretaryofState.gov), or call toll-free (877) SOS-OHIO (767-6446)

Jon Husted  
Ohio Secretary of State 

**My  vote**  
**My Right • My Responsibility**

*As an Ohio voter, when I exercise my RIGHT to vote on Election Day, I have a RESPONSIBILITY to do my part.*

#### I will...

- Register to vote 30 days prior to Election Day and keep my contact information up-to-date
- Remember to bring appropriate identification with me to the polls
- Know my proper polling place & precinct

# Voter Registration Instructions

(Ohio Revised Code Section 3503.28)

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Ohio Secretary of State 

## Elections Division

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Toll-Free: (877) SOS-OHIO (767-6446)  
TTY Toll-Free: (877) TTY-OHIO (889-6446)  
TTY: (614) 728-3295  
[www.OhioSecretaryofState.gov](http://www.OhioSecretaryofState.gov)  
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You are eligible to vote in elections in your voting precinct held more than 30 days after you are registered to vote in Ohio.

### Submitting Your Voter Registration Form

#### Returning your own form:

You may return your completed voter registration form in person or by U.S. mail to any of the following public offices:

- Any county board of elections;
- The Ohio Secretary of State's office;
- BMV or Deputy Registrars;
- Office of designated agencies, including:
  - » The Department of Job and Family Services,

- » The Department of Health (including the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program),
  - » The Department of Mental Health,
  - » The Department of Developmental Disabilities,
  - » The Rehabilitation Services Commission, or
  - » Any state-assisted college or university that provides assistance to disabled students;
- Any county treasurer's office;
  - Any public high school or vocational school; or
  - Any public library.

If you are updating your current Ohio voter registration and returning your completed change of name and/or address form by U.S. Mail, you must send it to your county board of elections or the Secretary of State's Office.

#### Returning someone else's form:

Anyone entrusted to return a completed voter registration form on behalf of another person must return the completed form to a board of elections or to the office of the Secretary of State. Forms must be returned the earlier of 1) within 10 days after the registration form is completed, or 2) by the voter registration deadline before an election if the registration form has been signed more than twenty-four hours before the registration deadline for the next upcoming election in the voter's precinct.

### Registration Deadlines

Your properly completed voter registration form must be **postmarked** or **received by** the 30th day before the election at which you wish to vote. If the voter registration deadline falls on a day when offices of the Secretary of State and county board of elections are closed, the deadline is extended to the next succeeding business day when the government office is open.

### Notice to All Voters

(R.C. 3503.28(A)(6))

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#### Notice from County Board of Elections

Within 20 business days after receiving your properly completed voter registration form, your county board of elections must register you to vote and promptly notify you by mail of your precinct, polling location and the identification requirements for voting.