



YOUR VOTING RIGHTS IN NEW MEXICO

Election Day: Tuesday, November 5, 2024



Who can vote?

- In order to vote in the election on November 5th, you must be registered to vote. If you are not registered to vote, you can register in person through the Early Voting period and on Election Day. You can find out if you are registered here: <https://voterportal.servis.sos.state.nm.us/WhereToVote.aspx>
- To register to vote:
 - You must be a resident of New Mexico, be a U.S. citizen, and be age 18 years or older on Election Day;
 - You must not be currently incarcerated for a felony conviction; and
 - You cannot have been declared by a court to be ineligible to vote due to mental incompetence.

For more information on how to register to vote, visit <https://www.sos.nm.gov/voting-and-elections/voting-faqs/voter-registration/>

When do I vote?

- **Early voting** begins October 8 and continues through November 2 at the county clerk's office.
- On **Election Day**, Tuesday, November 5, the polls are open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Completed mail ballots must be received by the county clerk's office or any polling location by 7 p.m. on Election Day to be counted.

Where do I vote?

- Vote early at your county clerk office: <https://www.sos.state.nm.us/voting-and-elections/voter-information-portal/county-clerk-information/>. Expanded early voting in certain counties is also available.
- You can vote in person at your polling place on Election Day. You can find the nearest polling location here: <https://voterportal.servis.sos.state.nm.us/WhereToVote.aspx>.

Can I vote by mail?

- **Yes.** Anyone can request an absentee ballot application by mail, telephone, email, online or in person from their county clerk's office. You can submit an application online for an absentee ballot through the Secretary of State's website or submit an application form to the county clerk by October 22.
 - You can find the online application here: <https://portal.sos.state.nm.us/OVR/WebPages/AbsenteeApplication.aspx?type=RA>.
 - You can find the application form here: <https://www.sos.state.nm.us/voting-and-elections/voter-information-portal/absentee-and-early-voting/>.
- If you receive an absentee ballot and mail your ballot but decide you want to vote in person, you must sign an affidavit stating that you did not and will not vote the absentee ballot before you can vote in person at a polling place. For more information, see: <https://www.sos.state.nm.us/voting-and-elections/voting-faqs/absentee-voting-by-mail/>

How do I vote in person?

- If you have voted before in New Mexico, you do not have to show ID.
- Only first-time voters who registered to vote by mail and did *not* provide ID when submitting their voter registration application are required to show one of the following forms of ID when voting in person or by mail: (1) a current or valid photo identification; or (2) a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, student identification card, or other government document that shows your name and current address. The ID does not need to be a photo ID.

Can I bring someone to help me vote?

- **Yes.** If you need assistance with voting because you don't speak English or you have a disability, you can bring a person into the voting booth to help you vote. You can bring any person that you want except your employer or your union representative or one of their agents. The person you bring does not need to be a registered voter.

Can I receive assistance in Spanish?

- **Yes.** In several New Mexico counties, you are entitled to a Spanish language ballot and assistance in Spanish.

What if my name is not on the list of voters?

- If your name is not on the list or if you are required to provide ID and did not bring it to the polls, you have the right to vote on a provisional ballot. Be sure to ask for a provisional ballot if you do not receive a regular ballot.

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