

## General Voter Registration Information

**Who can register and vote in Maine?** To **register**, you must be a United States citizen, at least 17 years of age, and have established a fixed principal home in Maine.

To **vote** in a Referendum or General Election, you must be registered in the community where you reside, and be at least 18 years of age. A 17 year old may vote in a Primary Election, if that person will be 18 by the General Election.

**How do I register to vote?** You fill out a voter registration card.

**Where do I go to register?** You can register to vote at the Orono town office, through any Motor Vehicle branch office, in most state & federal social service agencies, or at voter registration drives. Completed voter registration cards may be hand delivered or mailed to the town office, or sent to the Secretary of State's Office in Augusta.

**Is there a deadline for registering?** There is no cut-off date for registering to vote **in person** at the town office. If you want to register to vote by mail or through a voter registration drive, the cut-off date is the close of business on the 21st day before the election.

**When is the next election?** The **November 8, 2016**, General Federal & State Election, is the next election.

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## General Voting / Poll Information

**Where do I go to vote?** The Town of Orono has three voting places depending on size/type of Election where people vote, called voting places or "the polls". Voting places open at 7:00 a.m., and close at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. The three places Orono hosts Elections is the Town Council Chambers (local) and the Orono Middle School for W1/P1&P3 and UMAINE Memorial Union for W1/P2.

**How do I mark a ballot?** Each ballot tells you how to mark your choices. If you have a question, ask an election official. If you make a mistake, fold your ballot and give it to an election official. The election official will give you another ballot.

**Can I have help voting?** Yes. If you need help reading or marking the ballot, you may ask a relative or friend for assistance. The helper does not have to be a voter or old enough to vote. An election official can also help you read or mark a ballot. However, your employer or union official cannot help you vote.

**Do I need to go to the polls on Election Day to vote?** No. Any registered voter may cast an absentee ballot instead of voting in person at the voting place. You do not need to have a specific reason or be unable to vote at the voting place on Election Day to use an absentee ballot.

MAINE VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION			PARTY AFFILIATION	
<p><b>1</b> Federally required questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are you a citizen of the United States of America? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</li> <li>Will you be 18 years of age on or before Election Day? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</li> </ul> <p>If you checked "no" in response to either of these questions, do not complete this form. You must be a U.S. citizen in order to vote.</p>			<p>This portion <u>must</u> be completed.</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Democratic <input type="checkbox"/> Green Independent <b>2</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Republican <input type="checkbox"/> Other qualifying party: <input type="checkbox"/> Unenrolled (no party choice)	
LAST NAME <b>3</b>	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	DATE OF BIRTH <b>4</b>	
CURRENT RESIDENCE ADDRESS (Physical address where you live)				
STREET NAME AND NUMBER, NOT A P.O. BOX <b>5A</b>		CITY, TOWN, PLANTATION OR TOWNSHIP		
CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS (Complete if different from above address)				
STREET NAME AND NUMBER, OR P.O. BOX, etc. <b>5B</b>		CITY/TOWN	ZIP CODE	
Have you previously been registered to vote? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO				TELEPHONE (Optional)
If the answer is "yes" provide address of previous registration below.				<b>6</b>
CITY/TOWN <b>5C</b>	COUNTY	STATE		
COMPLETE BOTH SIDES OF THIS CARD - PLEASE PRINT				

### GUIDELINES FOR COMPLETING THE VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION

All required items on the card must be completed or it may be rejected. No witness or notary is required. Common questions are answered below. NOTE: This is a sample card--other versions may look different.

1. **Federally required questions. (Required)** A person who is **not a U.S. Citizen** is not eligible to register to vote. A person who is at least **17 years of age** may register to vote, but must be at least 18 years of age to vote in a Municipal, General or Referendum election.
2. **Party affiliation. (Required)** Voters must check the box if they want to be a member of one of the three qualified political parties in Maine, in order to participate in party primaries, caucuses, conventions or other political party activities. Voters who check "Other qualifying party" (with or without writing a designation on the line provided) and voters who choose Unenrolled (no party choice) will be designated as "U" on the voting list and will not be eligible to vote in party primaries, caucuses and conventions, but can vote in other elections.
3. **Name of Voter. (Required)** A voter must provide the voter's **legal name**, as follows:
  - Last name (surname) must be listed (Suffixes, such as Sr., Jr., II, etc, may be included) **and**
  - First name and the middle name or initial; **or**
  - First initial and full middle name; **or**
  - First name only
4. **Date of Birth. (Required)** Voters must be at least 18 years of age in order to vote. Under Maine law, 17-year olds may pre-register (and enroll if desired).
5. A. **Current residence address. (Required)** Voters must provide the current street address or physical location where they have established their residence. This cannot be a P.O. Box.
  - B. **Current mailing address. (If applicable)** The mailing address is required only if it is different from the residence address, and is where the voter receives mail. This can be a P.O. Box.
    - C. **Previous registration address. (Required)** If a voter previously has been registered to vote, the voter must check the "YES" box and must provide municipality, county and state of previous registration. If never registered, the voter must check the "NO" box.
6. **Telephone number. (Optional)** If a voter provides a phone number, it becomes public information. A voter whose phone number is unpublished is cautioned against listing it on the application.

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- COMPLETE BOTH SIDES OF THIS CARD -	
<p><b>CHANGE OF NAME</b> (Prior legal name, if applicable)</p> <p>LAST <u>7</u> FIRST _____ MIDDLE _____</p> <p><b>SIGN AND DATE THIS CARD.</b> I certify that all the information I have provided on this form is true.</p> <p><u>8</u></p> <p>Signature of Applicant on line above _____ Date on line above _____</p>	<p><b>VOTER ID:</b> By federal law, <b>NEW Maine voters must</b> provide an applicable ID number as follows:</p> <p>1. Your <b>Maine</b> driver's license/<b>Maine State</b> ID; or</p> <p>2. The last 4 digits of your Social Security Number (ONLY if you don't have a <b>Maine</b> driver's license/<b>Maine State ID</b>); or</p> <p>3. Write "none" ONLY if you don't list either 1 or 2.</p> <p>_____ _____ _____ _____  <u>9C</u></p>
<p><b>REGISTRAR'S USE ONLY:</b> Date Received: _____ Ward-Precinct: _____</p> <p>Source of Registration: <input type="checkbox"/> In Person <input type="checkbox"/> By Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Agency <input type="checkbox"/> BMV <input type="checkbox"/> Voter Registration Drive/3<sup>rd</sup> Person</p> <p>Type of Registration:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>NEW Maine Voter Registration</b> Form of Proof for ID: _____ for Residency: <u>11</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Change of Existing Voter Registration</b> (check boxes below) Form of Proof for Residency: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Address Change to new municipality <input type="checkbox"/> Address Change within municipality <input type="checkbox"/> Party Enrollment Change</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Name Change <input type="checkbox"/> Other Change _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Duplicate Application</b> (no changes made)</p>	
<p><b>INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:</b> Failure to complete this entire application may prevent registration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deliver or mail this completed card to your municipal registrar or to the Division of Elections: #101 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0101. This properly completed application must be received by the municipal registrar 21 days or more before an election. <u>If less than 21 days before an election, you must register in person.</u></li> <li>• <u>If you are a NEW Maine voter and mail this card,</u> you must include a photocopy of your Maine driver's license, Maine State ID, or current utility bill, bank statement or government document that shows your name and address.</li> <li>• For election information, call 207-624-7650 or visit <a href="http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/">www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/</a> <u>10</u> (rev. 06/12)</li> </ul>	

7. **Change of name. (If applicable)** This information is required only if the voter's legal name has been changed since registering to vote in Maine.

8. **Voter's Signature. (Required)** Voters must sign their legal name below the statement certifying that all the provided information is true.

9. **Voter ID or Unique ID Number. (For new Maine voters only)** The purpose of the voter ID number is to uniquely designate each **new** voter in the computerized statewide voter registration list. If the person is already registered to vote in Maine, this number is not required.

A. **Driver's License Number. New voters** who have a valid Maine Driver's License or a Maine State ID **must** list that number.

B. **Social Security Number. New voters** who do not have a valid Maine Driver's License or Maine State ID, must list the **last four digits** of their Social Security Number.

C. **NONE.** This designation may be used only by voters who do not have a Maine Driver's License/State ID or a Social Security Number.

**NOTE: Voter ID is confidential (i.e., not public) information and will be concealed during public inspection.**

10. **Instructions to Voters.** New voters who register by mail must provide a copy of certain identity documents with the completed registration form. The mail-in registrant may submit a copy of a Maine Driver's License or other valid photo ID, a current utility bill, a bank statement, a paycheck stub or other government document that shows the voter's current name and address.

11. **For registrar's use only.** This space must be completed only by the municipal registrar.

**NOTE: If required information is omitted, the registrar must notify the applicant that the application is incomplete and must later reject the application of the required information is not provided. If optional information is omitted, the registrar must still process and accept the application.**

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**For additional information, contact:**

Office of the Secretary of State  
Division of Elections  
101 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0101  
(207) 624-7650  
[CEC.Elections@maine.gov](mailto:CEC.Elections@maine.gov)