



HOW TO VOTE IN NC

Everything you need for the November 3, 2026 election — register, then pick your way to vote.

ELECTION DAY
NOV 3
6:30A – 7:30P

KEY DATES	Sept 4 Vote-by-mail ballots begin going out	Oct 9 Voter registration deadline	Oct 15 Early voting opens — register & vote same day	Oct 20 Last day to request a mail ballot (5 p.m.)	Oct 31 Early voting ends — last day for same-day registration	Nov 3 Election Day — mail ballots must be received by 7:30 p.m.
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1 Get registered — or check that you still are

- Look up your registration status, then register online through the NC DMV if you need to. **Deadline: October 9.**
- Check the **Registration Repair List** to see whether your record needs a fix before Election Day.
- Missed the deadline? You can still **register and vote on the same day** at any early voting site, October 15–31.
- Convicted of a felony?** You can vote once your sentence ends, including probation, post-release supervision, and parole. Unpaid fines, fees, and restitution alone **do not** make you ineligible.



CHECK YOUR
REGISTRATION
ncvoter.org/lookup

OPTION 1 • EASIEST

Vote Early

Oct 15 – 31 • 17 days

No excuse needed. Any early voting site in your county works — pick the one that fits your day.

- Register and vote in one trip.** Bring a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document showing your name and address.
- Bring your **NC driver's license** or other acceptable photo ID.
- Shorter lines and more hours than Election Day, and if something's wrong with your registration there's still time to fix it.
- You can also **drop off a mail ballot** in person at any early voting site in your county during this window.
- Early voting sites are **not** the same as your Election Day precinct, and hours vary by site — check the list before you go.
- Going with someone? Early voting is the easiest trip to share a ride for.



Find early voting sites
ncvoter.org/voteearly

OPTION 2 • FROM HOME

Vote by Mail

Request by 5 p.m. Oct 20

Request early — the county board must receive your completed ballot by 7:30 p.m. on Nov 3.

- Request online at the NC Absentee Ballot Portal, or mail the state's absentee request form.
- Two witnesses or one notary** must sign the container envelope after you seal your ballot inside.
- Put a **photocopy of your photo ID** in the sleeve on the back — black and white is fine if it's legible. No ID? Use the Photo ID Exception Form in your ballot package.
- Return postage is **\$1.98 — three Forever stamps**. Or hand it in at your county board or any early voting site.
- Track it on **BallotTrax**. Changed your mind? Discard it and vote in person.
- Military and overseas voters** can request (through Nov 2), receive, and return ballots electronically.



Request & track your ballot
votebymail.ncsbe.gov

OPTION 3 • THE BIG DAY

Election Day

Nov 3 • 6:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

You must vote at your assigned precinct. If you are in line by 7:30 p.m., you can vote — stay in line.

- Bring your NC driver's license or other acceptable photo ID.
- Wrong precinct, or told you can't vote a regular ballot?** Ask for a **provisional ballot** — and ask for an ID exception form if you don't have ID with you.
- Curbside voting** is available if age, a disability, an illness, or a medical condition keeps you from reaching the voting room.
- Help is allowed.** A close family member may assist you; voters with a disability or difficulty reading may get help from anyone except their employer or union agent.
- Denied a provisional ballot or turned away from curbside? Call the hotline immediately.



Find your polling place
ncvoter.org/lookup



No photo ID? Get one free.

Your county board of elections issues a **free voter photo ID** — no documents or fee required. Learn what counts as acceptable ID at gotidnc.org.

PROBLEMS VOTING? CALL

888-OUR-VOTE

888-687-9683 • free, nonpartisan election protection

TEAM UP NC

PO Box 3368, Chapel Hill, NC 27515 • info@TeamUpNC.org • teamupnc.org/vote
Scan any code with your phone camera, or type the short web address printed under it.

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