

VOTING IN GEORGIA

Are you registered to vote in Georgia?

- Must be registered to vote by **October 5, 2020**, to vote in the General Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2020.
 - If you plan to vote absentee, be sure you register to vote as soon as possible to give the elections office time to process both your registration and absentee ballot application.
 - To check on your registration status, go to <https://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov/MVP/mvp.do>
- There is no same-day voter registration in Georgia.

How do I register to vote?

- If you have a valid Georgia Driver's License or Identification Card, you can register online at <https://registertovote.sos.ga.gov/GAOLVR/welcome.do#no-back-button>
- You can obtain the voter registration form at https://registertovote.sos.ga.gov/GAOLVR/images/reg_form.pdf
- You can go to your county elections office, request a registration form, and fill it out there.

Once I'm registered, how, where and when do I vote?

- **Vote in person** at your local precinct in the county in which you are registered on Election Day, November 3, 2020.
 - Find your current polling place here: <https://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov/MVP/mvp.do>
- **Vote absentee in person** at specified locations in the county in which you are registered ("early voting" or "advanced voting")
 - You do not need a reason to vote absentee in person.
 - You do not have to make an advance request to vote absentee in person.
 - **Absentee in person voting begins on October 12, 2020 and ends on October 30, 2020.**
 - You can find the locations and hours for early voting in your county at <https://elections.sos.ga.gov/Elections/advancedVotingInfo.do>
- **Vote absentee by mail** or by dropping completed ballot **in a drop box** or by **hand delivering it** to your county election office.
 - You do not need a reason to vote absentee by mail.
 - **You must apply for an absentee ballot by October 30, 2020.**
 - While this is the stated deadline, please be aware that processing the application takes time so **you should request an absentee ballot as soon as possible.** Absentee applications are being accepted now.
 - A new way to apply for an absentee ballot securely online is available here: <https://ballotrequest.sos.ga.gov/>
 - Or, the absentee ballot application and instructions are available here: https://sos.ga.gov/index.php/Elections/absentee_voting_in_georgia
 - Or, you may use an application for an absentee ballot sent to you in the mail by a 3rd party organization.

- These are applications for an absentee ballot only and are not the actual ballot for the general election.
- Sometimes these 3rd party mailings will come in the mail for people who no longer live at your address. Do not fill out any extra application forms as that is voter fraud.
- When your absentee ballot application is processed and you receive your absentee ballot, you must complete the ballot and either:
 - **Mail it** back by to your county elections office by U.S. Mail with a postage stamp.
 - Find the address here:
<https://elections.sos.ga.gov/Elections/countyregistrars.do>
 - Be sure to allow enough time for mail delivery to your county elections office by November 3, 2020.
 - **Drop it** into an authorized drop box in your county of residence by 7 pm on Election Day, November 3, 2020.
 - Find drop box locations here
<https://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov/MVP/mvp.do>
 - **Take it** to your county election office by 7 pm on Election Day, November 3, 2020.
 - Find the address here:
<https://elections.sos.ga.gov/Elections/countyregistrars.do>

Is there a way to find out the status of my application for an absentee ballot or my completed ballot?

- You can check on the status of an absentee ballot application and receipt of your returned ballot here: <https://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov/MVP/mvp.do>

If I received an absentee ballot but later decide I want to vote in person on November 3rd, may I do that?

- Bring your blank absentee ballot with you to your assigned polling place.
- If you have lost your absentee ballot, you may still go to your assigned polling place to vote.

What if I applied for an absentee ballot but don't receive it in time to vote?

- Go to your assigned polling place and vote on November 3, 2020.

Where can I find the relevant Georgia statutes covering elections?

- GA Code on Elections <https://law.justia.com/codes/georgia/2010/title-21/>