

# Voter Pocket Guide

Commonwealth of Virginia

**November 2, 2021**  
**General Elections**

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# Deadlines



## **September 17:**

First day to vote early in person at your local Voter Registration Office or satellite voting location. Check with your local Voter Registration Office for more information. Find your local office at [elections.virginia.gov/localVRO](https://elections.virginia.gov/localVRO).



## **October 12:**

Last day to register to vote or update your address for this election.

*If you move, your polling place may change. Be sure to update your voter registration address every time you move.*



## **October 22 by 5 pm:**

Last day to request that an absentee ballot be mailed to you.



## **October 30:**

Last day to vote early in person.



## **November 2:**

Election Day – Polls open 6am to 7pm.



## **For more information:**

Find out more at [vote.virginia.gov](https://vote.virginia.gov) or (800) 552-9745 or TTY 711.

# Serve as an Officer of Election

Officers of Election (OE) are always in demand. OEs perform a variety of duties on Election Day, including setting up polling places, assisting voters, and helping conduct the election fairly and lawfully. Interested? You can find more details and apply at [elections.virginia.gov/officer](https://elections.virginia.gov/officer)



## Contact us



Have a question? The Virginia Department of Elections is here to help! Turn to us for #TrustedInfo:



**Call us:** (800) 552-9745



**Email us:** [info@elections.virginia.gov](mailto:info@elections.virginia.gov)



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# Ways to vote

## By mail before Election Day



Request a ballot at [elections.virginia.gov/absentee](https://elections.virginia.gov/absentee) by **5 pm, October 22**. You may return your ballot:

- By mail, postmarked on or before **November 2** and received by **noon on Friday, November 5**
- To your local Voter Registration Office or drop-off location
- To your polling place on Election Day

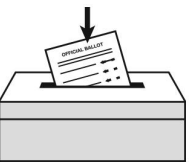
## In person before Election Day



**From September 17 through October 30:**

You can vote early at your local Voter Registration Office or satellite voting location. Bring ID.

## In person on Election Day



**On Tuesday, November 2, 2021**

**Election Day polls are open 6 am until 7 pm**

- Find your polling place:  
[elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation](https://elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation)
- Bring acceptable ID:  
[elections.virginia.gov/registration/voterid](https://elections.virginia.gov/registration/voterid)

**For more information on voting options, locations and hours, contact your local Voter Registration Office:**

[elections.virginia.gov/VRO](https://elections.virginia.gov/VRO)

# Absentee voting

## Eligibility

All registered voters in Virginia may vote early, in person or by mail.

## Accessible voting



There are accessible voting systems at each polling place, including satellite voting locations.

If you are 65 or older, or have a physical disability, you can vote from your vehicle at the polls on Election Day *or* at your local Voter Registration office before Election Day.

Remember to bring an assistant with you who can go in to request your curbside assistance. You can get help reading or writing from an election officer or your own assistant.

If you are blind, have low vision, or have impaired manual dexterity, you may vote an absentee ballot using an electronic ballot marking tool. Contact your local Voter Registration Office for details:

[elections.virginia.gov/localVRO](https://elections.virginia.gov/localVRO).

Go to [elections.virginia.gov/accessible](https://elections.virginia.gov/accessible) to learn more.

# Bring your ID



*You need to show your ID or sign an ID Confirmation Statement to vote in person in this election.*

## **Acceptable forms of identification:**

- Voter confirmation documents
- Virginia DMV-issued driver's license\* or ID card\*\*
- United States Passport (valid)
- Employer-issued photo ID (valid)
- Student ID issued by a Virginia college/university/high school (valid)
- Student photo ID issued by U.S. college/university (valid)
- Other U.S. or Virginia government-issued ID
- Tribal enrollment or other tribal ID (valid)
- Virginia Voter Photo ID card
- Any current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document with your name and address (within the past 12 months)

*\* Virginia law permits an expired Virginia DMV license to be used for voting purposes. \*\* A Virginia driver's privilege card is not acceptable for voting purposes.*

*A voter who does not bring an acceptable ID to the polls or does not sign an ID Confirmation Statement will be offered a provisional ballot.*

# What to expect at the polls

When you arrive, election officers will be there to help you:

## Check in

Say or write your name and address.  
Show an acceptable ID.

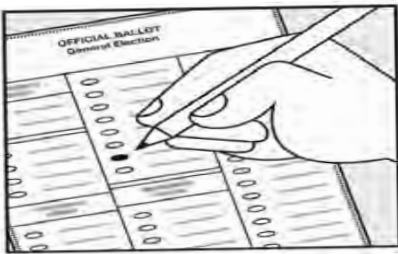


## Receive and check your ballot

Does it include all contests for your district?



## Go to the voting booth and vote your ballot



Mark your ballot by filling in the oval next to your choice(s).



When you're done, scan your ballot.

*If you are not on the voter list, or if you didn't bring a ID or sign an ID Confirmation Statement, an election officer will direct you to vote a provisional ballot.*

# Voter rights



You cannot be denied the right to vote if you are legally qualified to do so.

## You have the right to:

- Vote if you have been registered at your current address at least 22 days before Election Day.
- Ask any election officer for help.
- Be shown how to mark and cast your ballot.
- Ask for a new ballot if you want to change your vote before you cast it.
- Vote a provisional ballot if your name doesn't appear on the voter list and you believe it should, or you forgot to bring an acceptable ID and refuse to sign an ID Confirmation Statement.
- Bring your child (age 15 or younger) into the voting booth.
- Vote if you are in line by 7 pm when the polls close.