

Conducting a Voter Registration Drive in Alaska

Voter Registration Deadline

Applications must be received or postmarked 30 days before Election Day. A specific turnaround time applies to deputy registrars turning in applications they collect. See below.

Getting Started

Training Requirement: As a best practice, we suggest you contact the Division of Election before conducting a drive without having first become a registrar. Registrars must be trained. The Registrar Handbook is located [here](#).

Notification and Registration Requirements: Alaska does not have notification requirements for registration drives but requests you contact the [regional elections office](#) if you plan to conduct a drive.

Compensation Restrictions: Do not pay registration drive participants based on how many registrations they collect.

Registration officials or registrars: Individuals who are qualified voters may become a registrar at the discretion of the Director of the Division of Elections. Registrars receive training and take an oath. They are also provided with materials to register voters including postage paid return envelopes. Voter registration applications completed with a registrar are effective the day they are signed, as opposed to the day they are received in an elections office. For more information see: www.elections.alaska.gov/Core/workers_registers.php

Handling Applications

Incomplete Applications: Applicants should complete their own registration application unless they need assistance due to a disability or are unable to read or write English. Registrars may not make any changes to voter registration forms while the applicant is not present.

Photocopying Completed Applications: As a best practice, a voter's full or partial Social Security number and/or driver's license number should not be retained. Those who are registrars are prohibited from reproducing or storing copies of completed registration applications or collecting or storing any confidential information supplied on completed applications.

Submitting Completed Applications: Registrars must submit completed applications to a [regional elections office](#) within 5 days of the date the application is completed or the registration deadline, whichever comes first.

Obtaining Applications

State Form: The state mail-in voter registration application can be filled out and downloaded at [State Division of Elections website](#) at <https://voterregistration.alaska.gov>.

Forms are available at Division of Election offices, clerks' offices, the Division of Motor Vehicles, public assistance agencies, state agencies serving people with disabilities, some public libraries, tribal government offices, legislative information offices, and voter registrars.

Federal Form: The [federal mail-in voter registration application](#) may be used in registration drives.

Photocopying Blank Forms: You can photocopy blank forms.

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