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New Hampshire law does not allow third-party registration or voter registration drives.

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How to Register to Vote in New Hampshire:

There are three ways to register to vote in New Hampshire:

- Register in person at your town or city clerk’s office
- Register in person with your community’s Supervisors of the checklist. By law, the Supervisors of the Checklist are required to meet on the Saturday 6-13 days prior to each election. Check the local newspaper or call your clerk’s office for the date and time of such meeting.
- Register at your polling place on Election Day

All voters are asked to show proof of identity, age, citizenship, and domicile, which can be satisfied either with documents or by signing an affidavit.

An individual is eligible to vote if they are:

- At least 18-years-old by Election Day
- A U.S. citizen
- Domiciled in the city or town where the person is registering to vote

Proof can be satisfied in the following ways or if you do not have documents with you, by affidavit:

- a driver’s license or non-driver ID from any state satisfies proof of identity and age
- A birth certificate, U.S. Passport/card, or naturalization document satisfies proof of citizenship.

If you do not have these, you can prove your identity, age and/or citizenship, by signing a Qualified Voter Affidavit.

Domicile: any reasonable documentation showing that the person is domiciled in the city or town in which they wish to register, or completion of a Domicile Affidavit.

Reasonable documentation can include:
- Driver’s license or other New Hampshire ID card issued by New Hampshire Division of Motor Vehicles showing your current domicile address
- Any state or federal tax form, other government form, or government ID that shows your name and domicile address
- A document from the school they student attends showing they live in campus housing, including showing the election official a page from the institution’s official site showing the dorm assignment or off-campus residence address.
- A rental agreement, lease, or similar document that shows the voter’s name and the address of the domicile.
- A public utility bill showing the voter’s name and domicile address on it

If a voter does not have documents to establish their qualifications or forgets to bring them, they will be able to register to vote.

These requirements are currently the subject of litigation. Check back for updated information. This is not intended to serve as legal advice.

Obtaining Applications

- Applications to register to vote must be obtained by visiting the town or city clerk’s office.

Please note that New Hampshire town and city clerks will only accept the federal form as a request for their own absentee voter mail-in registration form. The New Hampshire absentee voter mail-in registration form must be received by the city or town clerk by 10 days before the election.

Fair Elections Center and Campus Vote Project intend the information contained herein to be used only as a general guide. This document should not be used as a substitute for consultation with a licensed New Hampshire legal professional.

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