



VOTING SAFELY AND EFFECTIVELY IN NORTH CAROLINA

Important Dates

October 8: Last date to register or Register at Early Voting

MAIL-IN Absentee Votes Should be sent at least 2 weeks early or dropped off in person at your country Board of Elections or at an early voting site.

Oct 15 – Oct. 31 - Early Voting. Each county must have weekend hours which may include Sunday hours but may not.

Oct. 27: Absentee Vote Request Deadline

Nov 2: Absentee Vote must be postmarked by Nov 2

Nov 6: Absentee vote must arrive by 5:00 pm at the county board of elections

Nov. 3: Election Day

North Carolina Board of Elections <https://www.ncsbe.gov/index.html> Are you registered? Check to see here: <https://vt.ncsbe.gov/RegLkup/>

Here is some general information for the 2020 Elections.

1. Paper ballots are required for every county. No photo ID is needed.
2. Voting machines cannot be connected to the internet so that hacking is not possible.
3. Sites for voting will use social distancing and other methods to prevent the spread of COVID 19 so as to keep in person voters safe.

For safe in-person voting, the best option is to use early voting where the lines are very short and avoid the first and last day of early voting.

4. Early Voting can be done at any early voting site in your county. You may not early vote outside of your county. Early voting will be conducted every day beginning on

Thursday October 15 and ending on Saturday October 31 from 8:00 am – 7:30 pm except on weekends. Each county must have weekend times

5. Election day is November 3. You must vote at your assigned polling place. If you are not sure, check here: <https://vt.ncsbe.gov/RegLkup/>

6. **Voter Registration:** You can register to vote online if you have a NC driver's license. If you do not have a driver's license or have a driver's license but no access to the internet, then you must mail the voter registration application or deliver it in person (to a Department of Motor Vehicles office) with your original signature if you are registering to vote for the first time in your county of residence. If not or if the driver's license does not have your current address, then attach a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other gov't document that shows your name and current address.

7. Citizens can register to vote at early voting and update their address if needed. If registering to vote at an early voting (One Stop Site), you will need your driver's license if you have one. If not or if the driver's license does not have your current address, then bring a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other gov't document that shows your name and current address.

8. **Absentee balloting** is done either by mail or in person at the 17 days of early voting. Every county must have one early voting site for every 20,000 registered voters.

9. **To vote absentee by mail**, you must first be registered to vote at your current address. You can register to vote online if you have a NC driver's license. <https://www.ncsbe.gov/Voters/Registering-to-Vote>

To receive an absentee ballot (will be sent out starting mid-September), you must apply for one by filling out a form. <https://www.ncsbe.gov/Voting-Options/Absentee-Voting>

If you wish to vote absentee by mail, send in your ballot request early and send back the ballot early so if there is a problem, you have time to fix it. The ballots will have individual computer tracker numbers so you can check and see if your ballot arrived at your country board of elections. A major reason for absentee ballots not being counted is filling out the form incorrectly and arrival after the deadline.

10. **Sign Up To be Poll Worker:** <https://www.ncsbe.gov/get-involved> Safe voting means that there must be sufficient workers to cover all early voting and voting day sites. Otherwise some sites may be closed or combined.

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For questions or more information: <https://www.ncvoter.org/> or call 888-687-8683