# How do I register to vote?



Get a registration form from the New York State Board of Elections and submit it in person or by mail.

Contact the New York State Board of Elections at (800) 367-8683

OR

Download and print a form at www.elections.ny.gov

OR

#### You can get a form

from town or city halls, post offices, political parties, the DMV, various state offices, and the Healthcare Education Project

**OR** 

If you have a current New York driver's license or ID you can register online at https://dmv.ny.gov/more-info/electronic-voter-registration-

application



#### **Learn More**

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# Your right to VOTE after a felony in New York State may surprise you!

#### **Election Information You Need**







First time voter? Don't worry! We have a checklist to make voting for the first time stress free!

Want to know who represents you? Get contact info for your elected officials by visiting usa.gov/elected-officials

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"I was in and out of the judicial system for ten years. Now I'm a voter. Those in office need to represent us."



## I have a criminal record. Can I vote?

**YES.** In New York, **YOU CAN VOTE** if you are not incarcerated for a felony conviction.

When you are released from incarceration, your right to vote returns automatically, but you need to register to vote, even if you were registered before.

## What if I'm on probation or parole?

In New York, you can register and vote while on probation or parole, **even if you were convicted of a felony.** 

# Do I need a Certificate of Relief from Disabilities or any other document to register to vote?

**No,** you do not need any documents about your criminal history. You register just like anyone else, by submitting a registration form.

## Does my vote really count?

Many elections are very close. Your vote could change who wins an election. Elections only reflect the interests of people who vote. Because many formerly incarcerated people don't know they can vote, their interests are under-represented. Because mass incarceration has mainly affected black and brown people, those communities are under-represented.

If you haven't been voting because of a previous felony, it's time to make your voice heard.

## I'm not sure if my registration is up to date.

You can always check online at <a href="https://voterlookup.elections.ny.gov/">https://voterlookup.elections.ny.gov/</a>

OR

call the Board of Elections and ask about your registration status: **(800) 367-8683** 

## Elected officials don't seem to represent my interests, so I don't vote.

No one can get elected by non- voters, so boycotting voting pretty much guarantees elected officials won't represent you. Take your seat at the table by voting.

### Who is eligible to vote in NY?

To be eligible to vote in New York State, you must:

- be a US citizen
- be 18 by the date of the election live at your present NY address at least 30 days before an election
- not be currently incarcerated for a felony conviction
- · not claim the right to vote elsewhere
- have registered to vote
- not be currently adjudged incompetent or incapacitated to vote by order of a court

