

Quick Guide: California Voter Registration/ Pre-Registration Application

When completing a Voter Registration/Pre-Registration Application card (Voter Registration Card), please make sure you write clearly using blue or black color ink. Fill out a Voter Registration card if you:

- Are a new voter,
- Are pre-registering to vote,
- Have changed your name,
- Have moved, or
- Want to change your political party preference or any other information on your voter record.

You can also register or pre-register to vote online at RegisterToVote.ca.gov.

Section 1 - Qualifications

You can register to vote:

- If you are a United States citizen and a CA resident, and
- Will be 18 years or older by Election Day.

*If you are 16 or 17 years of age, you can pre-register to vote.

Section 2 - Your Legal Name

You are required to provide your:

- 1) First name,
- 2) Middle name if applicable, and
- 3) Last name (including any suffix, such as Jr., Sr., III).

Section 3 - Identification

You will need to provide your:

- 1) Date of birth,
- 2) CA driver license or CA ID card number,
- 3) Last 4 numbers of your SSN, if you have one, and,
- 4) U.S. state or foreign country of birth.

Section 4 - Address Where You Live

You CANNOT use P.O. Box # for this section. You must provide your:

- 1) Home address, including apartment or unit number if applicable,
- 2) City,
- 3) Zip code, and
- 4) California County.

If you do not have a street address, you can give an exact description of where you live. Include cross streets, route etc.

Section 5 - Mailing Address

If you have a different mailing address provide it here.

You may use a P.O. Box # as your mailing address.

Section 6 - Registration History

Complete the registration history section. If you were previously registered. You will provide your:

- 1) Full legal name,
- 2) Previous address, and
- 3) Previous political party preference (if any.)

Section 7 - Vote by mail

- If you check "Yes," you will get your ballot by mail before each election but, if you want to vote in person you must turn in your ballot to vote at your polling location or you may have to vote provisionally.
- If you check "No," you will continue to vote on Election Day at a polling location (unless your county uses vote centers).

Section 8 - Political Party Preference

You can choose from the following political parties:

- American Independent Party
- Democratic Party
- Green Party
- Libertarian Party
- Peace & Freedom Party
- Republican Party
- Or other, which you will need to write in

If you don't want to choose a political party, you may check the "No Party/None" box.

- If you chose this option, you may not be able to vote for some presidential candidates at a presidential primary election or for a party's central committee.



Section 9 - Optional Voter Information

You may include your email and phone number.

You may select your language preference for receiving election materials in the following languages:

- English
- Spanish
- Chinese
- Hindi
- Japanese
- Other Language: _____
- Khmer
- Korean
- Tagalog
- Thai
- Vietnamese

If no box is checked, voter materials will be provided in English.

You may also select the box to request voting materials in an accessible format.

You may also select the box to be a poll worker.

You may also include your ethnicity/race.

Section 10 - Affidavit

You must sign and date the red box in order to complete your registration.

When you sign, you are swearing and affirming that you:

- 1) Are a U.S. citizen and a resident of California and at least 16 years old.
- 2) Not currently in state or federal prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony.
- 3) Are not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court.
- 4) Understand that it is a crime to intentionally provide incorrect information on the card.
- 5) Declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information on the card is true and correct.

Bottom of the Card - Blue Box

If someone has helped you fill out or deliver the card, the blue box found on the bottom right-hand side must be completed and signed by the person who assisted you.

When Finished

- Tear and keep the bottom part as your receipt and keep it until you receive a notice from your county elections official.
- Fold and tape to seal your Voter Registration Card. Do not staple the card.

No postage is necessary if mailed in the United States.

Important Information

Check your voter registration online:
<https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov>

Safe at Home

If sharing your address could put you in life threatening danger, you may be eligible to register to vote confidentially.

For more information, contact the Safe at Home program.

Safe at Home:
(877) 322-5227

Online:
SafeAtHome.sos.ca.gov

For election information, please visit: www.sos.ca.gov, or call:

- English - (800) 345-VOTE (8683)
- Español / Spanish - (800) 232-VOTA (8682)
- 中文 / Chinese - (800) 339-2857
- हिन्दी / Hindi - (888) 345-2692
- 日本語 / Japanese - (800) 339-2865
- ខ្មែរ / Khmer - (888) 345-4917
- 한국어 / Korean - (866) 575-1558
- Tagalog - (800) 339-2957
- ภาษาไทย / Thai - (855) 345-3933
- Việt ngữ / Vietnamese - (800) 339-8163

If you believe that you are a victim of election fraud, you may use the Election Voter Complaint Form to report the violation to our office. If you have questions, you may contact the Secretary of State's office at:
English: (916) 657-2166 or (800) 345-VOTE (8683) · Spanish: (800) 232-VOTA (8682)