



# U.S. Election Assistance Commission

## Scripts for the **Be Election Ready: Video Guides for Voters Series**

### Video 1: Registering to Vote

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Voting allows us to shape our government and gives us a say in important decisions.

But in order to vote, you need to register. Except in North Dakota which doesn't require registration.

Good news, registering is fast and easy.

But there are some requirements. Ready?

Requirements vary by state, but:

You need to be a U.S. citizen,

A resident of the community where you're registering,

And be at least 18 years old by Election Day.

Meet those requirements, and you have several ways to register.

Sign up in person at your local election office or other government agency.

Send your registration form in the mail.

And many states allow voters to register online.

If you're in the military or living overseas there are special procedures and protections to help you register to vote.

Once you are registered, you'll receive confirmation in the mail. And you'll be ready to vote.

Should you have any specific questions, your state and local election offices are available to help you.

Do you know if you are registered to vote? Check your status at [Vote.gov](https://www.vote.gov).

Is your voter registration information up to date?

Update your registration if you've moved,

Changed your name,

Or, in some states, changed your political party.

When is the last day to register?

The deadline varies in each state.

Some require you to register up to 30 days before Election Day. Others let you register up to or even on Election Day.

Is the voter registration process secure?

Yes. Election officials take steps to protect voter registration systems and regularly update voter registration records based on information from voters and official data, including death records.

Remember, registering to vote is the first step to making your voice heard. The next step is to vote.

For more information contact your state or local election office or visit [EAC.gov](https://www.eac.gov).