

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS



Office Hours: M-F (8:00-7:30)
ON ELECTION DAYS OPEN AT 6:30AM

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Important Dates: Voting in the 2026 election

- **Sept. 4:** initial sending of **absentee ballots** to voters who **requested** them
- **Oct. 9:** Voter **registration deadline** (5 p.m.)
- **Oct. 20:** **Absentee ballot request deadline** (5 p.m.). "Any North Carolina registered voter may request, receive, and vote a mail-in absentee ballot for the 2026 elections. No excuse is needed."
- **Oct. 15 - Oct. 31** (3pm) **Early Voting in-person** same-day registration available **Monday-Friday 8am – 7:30pm Saturday 8 am – 3 pm**
- **November 3 Election Day 6:30 am to 7:30 pm in-person**
- **Nov. 3:** **Absentee ballot return deadline** (7:30 p.m.)*

NOTICE TO MACON COUNTY VOTERS

The board of elections has had several phone calls concerning voters receiving a text message saying they are not registered to vote, and you need to get registered. The Macon County Board of Elections is not sending this message out to you, nor will we ever send out text messages. If you are registered, there is no need to re-register. If you have questions regarding your voter registration, contact the office 828-349-2034 and we will assist you. During the presidential years we see more advertisements being sent out to voters by mail, cell phones, etc. Different groups/political parties send out this information, not your local board of elections.

VOTER SEARCH TOOL

<https://vt.ncsbe.gov/RegLkup/>

Check your registration Voters can check to make sure their registration information is accurate and up to date using the Voter Search tool.

Find your sample ballot All eligible, registered voters will find their sample ballot(s) in the "Your Sample Ballot" section of their Voter Search profile when sample ballots become available.

Find your polling place - <https://vt.ncsbe.gov/PPLkup/>

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

**Voter registration and absentee voting deadlines are different for military and overseas citizen voters.*

Changes to your registration are due by the voter registration deadline, 25 days before Election Day. October 9, 2026

If you miss the voter registration deadline, you may be eligible to make changes to your voter registration (except party affiliation) when you vote in person during the early voting period.

Register at the Board of Elections

They will have the forms you need to fill out, you will need your ID, and you can hand them back directly.

Register Online at DMV (follow all the steps)

<https://www.ncsbe.gov/registering/how-register/complete-your-registration-online-through-dmv> click on **“Complete Voter Registration Online”** Then follow directions to put in your information.

Register by Mail

How to Submit Your Application

Download and complete the appropriate voter registration application. Make sure to complete all required fields.

- NC Voter Registration Application in English (fillable PDF)
https://s3.amazonaws.com/dl.ncsbe.gov/Voter_Registration/NCVoterRegForm_06W.pdf
- NC Voter Registration Application in Spanish (fillable PDF)
https://s3.amazonaws.com/dl.ncsbe.gov/Voter_Registration/NCVoterRegForm_09W.pdf
- Print the application.
- Sign the application (**ink** to paper). If you are a **new** registrant, you must submit the original application **by mail or in person**. If you are an **existing** registrant in the county and are using the form to **update** your information, you may also **fax** or **email** the signed form.
- Mail the form to your county board of elections.

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Failure to complete the required fields will slow your registration.

Voter registration applicants must provide an identification number required by federal law on their registration form; a DMV-issued ID number or, if they do not have one, the last four digits of their Social Security number. If they lack both numbers, they must check a box on the form confirming that. The registration form cannot be processed without this required information.

If the application is complete and you meet all qualifications to vote, **the county board of elections will mail you a voter registration card**. This mailing is non-forwardable and serves to verify your address.

If the U.S. Postal Service returns a card as **undeliverable**, a second mailing will be sent. If the **second** mailing is returned as **undeliverable**, the voter registration will be **denied**.

If you submit your application form **before the voter registration** deadline for the next election, you should receive your voter registration card **within two weeks**. Contact your **county board of elections** IF you do **not** receive your voter registration card. **Board of Elections (828) 349-2034**

If an individual is mailing a voter registration form close to or on the registration deadline, they can ensure the postmark is applied the day they put their form in the mail. To do so, the individual should follow the USPS recommendation to request a manual postmark at the retail counter at the post office when dropping off their mail.

ID Requirements

Voters will be asked to present a valid photo identification when voting in person and a copy if they do a mail-in ballot.

If you do not have a valid photo ID card, you may obtain one from your county board of elections prior to the election, through the end of the early voting period - OCTOBER 31.

If you do not have a valid photo ID card on Election Day, you may still vote and have your vote counted by signing an affidavit of reasonable impediment (or "Photo ID Exception Form") as to why you have not presented a valid photo ID. The Exception Form can also be used if you have a religious objection to being photographed or are a victim of a recently declared natural disaster.

As an alternative, if you don't have your ID when you vote, you can still vote and then bring your valid photo ID to your county board of elections by noon on the third business day after Election Day – November 6 (Friday by noon).

If you vote by mail, except for military and overseas citizen voters, then you **must include a photocopy of a valid photo ID when returning your ballot**. You may also complete the Absentee Photo ID Exception Form that is provided with your absentee ballot materials.

For information on **how to get a free ID**, see

Get a Free Voter Photo ID. <https://www.ncsbe.gov/voting/voter-id/get-free-voter-photo-id>

A list of **all types of ID that can be used for voting** is available on the State Board of Elections Voter ID webpage <https://www.ncsbe.gov/voting/voter-id>

Acceptable Photo IDs for Voting

Any of the following that is unexpired, or expired for one year or less:

- North Carolina driver's license (Note: If your photo ID is a class C driver's license and it expired on or after July 1, 2025, then you can still use that as an acceptable photo ID even if it is expired for more than one year.)
- State ID from the NCDMV, also called "non-operator ID"
- Driver's license or non-driver ID from another state, District of Columbia, or U.S. territory (only if voter registered in North Carolina within 90 days of the election)
- U.S. Passport or U.S. Passport card
- North Carolina voter photo ID card issued by a county board of elections (see Get a Free Voter Photo ID)
- College or university student photo ID approved by the State Board of Elections
- State or local government or charter school employee photo ID approved by the State Board of Elections
- Link to List: <https://www.ncsbe.gov/voting/voter-id/student-and-public-employee-ids-approved-voting>

Note: A voter 65 or older may use an expired form of acceptable ID if the ID was unexpired on their 65th birthday.

Any of the following, regardless of whether the ID contains an expiration or issuance date:

- Military or veterans ID card with photo issued by the U.S. government.
- Tribal enrollment card with photo issued by a tribe recognized by the State of North Carolina or the federal government.
- ID card with photo issued by an agency of the U.S. government or the State of North Carolina for a public assistance program. Note: Although this is an acceptable form of ID under North Carolina law, the State Board is not aware of any such ID in circulation that contains a photo.

All IDs for voting are required to have a photo.

FOR MORE INFORMATION visit the MCDP Website: <https://www.maconncdems.org/vote>

Or stop by MCDP HQ at 244 W Palmer St, Franklin