

VOTING WITH A CRIMINAL RECORD IN MARYLAND



Can I register to vote if I have a conviction?

YES, as long as you are no longer incarcerated, not convicted of voter fraud, and otherwise eligible to vote (US citizen, Maryland resident, at least 18 years old).

Even if my conviction is a felony?

YES, as long as you were not convicted of buying or selling votes.

What if I am on probation or parole?

You can still vote. The only limitation on voting with a conviction (not related to voter fraud) is if you are currently serving a term of imprisonment.

How do I register?

Online: Register via Maryland's Online Voter Registration System

<https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/OnlineVoterRegistration/InstructionsStep1>

By mail: Complete a printed application and mail it to the State Board of Elections or your local County Board of Elections office.

Download the Voter Registration Application form:

- [in English \(PDF\):](https://elections.maryland.gov/voter_registration/documents/English_Internet_VRA.pdf)
https://elections.maryland.gov/voter_registration/documents/English_Internet_VRA.pdf
- [en español \(PDF\)](https://elections.maryland.gov/voter_registration/documents/English_Internet_VRA.pdf), con instrucciones:
https://elections.maryland.gov/voter_registration/documents/English_Internet_VRA.pdf

Mail it to:

- Maryland State Board of Election, P.O. Box 6486, Annapolis, MD 21401-0486
- Or your local County Board of Elections:
https://elections.maryland.gov/about/county_boards.html

In person: You can complete a voter registration application in person at any of the following: (Please be aware that some offices may be closed or have limited hours due to COVID.)

- Your local board of elections
- The State Board of Elections;
- Your local Department of Health office;
- The Maryland Department of Human Services local offices;
- The Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) offices;
- Your local Area Agency on Aging office;
- The MTA Paratransit Certification Office;
- All public institutions of higher education;
- Recruitment offices of the U.S. Armed Forces;
- Marriage license offices; and
- Offices for students with disabilities at all Maryland colleges and universities.

You can register in person on election day or during early voting at a local voting center. You will need to provide a government document showing your name and address.

Is there a deadline to register?

The deadline to register for the 2020 presidential election is **October 13, 2020**.

If you apply online, your application must be submitted by 9:00pm that day.

If you do not register by the deadline, you can still register at your local voting center during early voting or on election day.

What if I am worried about going to the polls during COVID?

You can request a mail-in ballot to vote by mail:

- Online if you have a Maryland's driver's license or MVA-issued ID card: <https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/onlinemailinrequest/InstructionsStep1>
- By mail, fax, or email to your local board of elections:
 - [Mail-in ballot application for 2020 elections \(PDF\)*](#)
 - [Solicitud de Papeleta de Votante Ausente para las Elecciones del 2020 \(PDF\)](#)
- In person at your [local board of elections](#).

Your request for a mail-in ballot must be received (not just mailed) by **Tuesday, October 20, 2020**.

What if I have more questions?

Contact your **local board of elections**: https://www.elections.maryland.gov/about/county_boards.html