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# 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/Instructions>

**Step1 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), con instrucciones: [https://elections.maryland.gov/voter\\_registration/documents/English\\_Internet\\_VRA.pdf](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](https://elections.maryland.gov/about/county_boards.html)

**In person:** You can complete a voter registration application in person at any of the following:

- **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.**



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