How to Register to Vote in New York through the Department of Motor Vehicles

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- If you have a driver’s license, permit, or non-drivers ID that has your current name and address, you can register to vote online via the DMV Electronic Voter Registration Application.
- You can also use this application to enroll in a political party or change party affiliations.
- If your name or address on file with the DMV is not up to date, you will be asked to update it before you register to vote. In this case, registering to vote through the Board of Elections may be more expeditious. Please see the LWVNYC guide *How to Register to Vote in New York City* for instructions that are specific to NYC.

Go to the New York State DMV website:  [https://dmv.ny.gov/mydmv/mydmv](https://dmv.ny.gov/mydmv/mydmv)

Click on:

Register to vote
Register to Vote Online - Electronic Voter Registration Application

Online
You can use the DMV Electronic Voter Registration Application to register to vote or to update the information you have on file with the New York State Board of Elections.

Updated information could include providing your County or City Board of Elections with your new name, new address, or changing a party enrollment. We forward completed applications to the appropriate County or City Board of Elections for approval and processing. Learn more about Electronic Voter Registration.

To register you will need
- your New York State DMV issued driver license, permit or Non-Driver ID
  - it must be your most recently issued document - you will need the ID Number and document number (See Sample Documents)
- the ZIP Code currently on record with the DMV
- the last 4 digits of your Social Security Number (SSN)

Register to vote or update your voter registration information

Note the uses of this application. Click on:

Register to vote or update your voter registration information
Register to vote at your current location or change your party designation.

ID Number from your NYS Driver License, Permit or Non-Driver ID:

Document Number from your NYS Driver License, Permit or Non-Driver ID:

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy):

Current ZIP Code:

Last 4 digits of Social Security Number (SSN):

Email Address:

Confirm Email:

I AGREE, and it is my intent, to sign this document and affirmation by clicking the box marked "I AGREE", and by electronically submitting this document to the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles. I understand that my signing and submitting this registration document in this fashion is the legal equivalent of having placed my handwritten signature on the submitted document and this affirmation. I understand and agree that by electronically signing and submitting this document in this fashion I am attesting to the truth of the information contained herein.

I Agree.

Submit

Enter the information, hit submit, and the next page in part looks like:

As this is personal information, we do not provide the link.
Next is your personal information (not shown here)

There are boxes for you to check that the information is accurate

☐ This is my correct and current personal information. (Required) Change client information

If the information is not accurate, and you click on Change client information, you will be taken to a page that says that you either need to update the information with the DMV, or register to vote through the NY State (or NYC) Board of Elections.

Next, there is a box to verify that your address is accurate.

☐ This is my correct and current mailing and residence address. (Required) Change address

If the information is not accurate, and you click on Change address, you will be taken to a page that shows you how to change your address with the DMV. In the meantime, we recommend you register to vote directly through the NY State (or NYC) Board of Elections https://vote.nyc/
The bottom of the information page asks:

Are you a citizen of the U.S.?
- Yes  - No

Will you be 18 years of age or older on or before election day?
- Yes  - No

Are you at least 16 years of age and understand that you must be 18 years of age on or before election day to vote, and that until you will be eighteen years of age at the time of such election your registration will be marked as 'pending' and you will be unable to cast a ballot in any election?
- Yes  - No

Have you voted before?
- Yes  - No

If you answer yes to the question Have you voted before?, the next page is:

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Voting information that has changed:

In what year did you last vote?  
Your name was?  
Your address was?  
Your street was?  
Your city was?  
Your state was?  
Your zip was?

Your previous state was?  
or New York County was?

This page is to record name and address changes from a previous voter registration. If your name and address has not changed, enter in your best guess about when you last voted and hit continue. If your name or address has changed, enter the previous information here.

If you answer that you have not voted before, this page is skipped.
The next page is to enroll or change your party designation.

Register to vote at your current location or change your party designation.
(All fields required unless specified otherwise)

Telephone Number (Optional)

You must make 1 selection. Political party enrollment is optional but that, in order to vote in a primary election of a political party, a voter must enroll in that political party, unless state party rules allow otherwise.

I wish to enroll in a political party

- Democratic Party
- Republican Party
- Conservative Party
- Working Families Party
- Green Party
- Libertarian Party
- Independence Party
- SAM Party
- Other _____________

I do not want to enroll in any political party and wish to be an independent voter.

- No Party

It also asks for your phone number, which we at LWVNYC encourage you to provide in case a follow up is needed.

We at the LWVNYC encourage you to enroll in a political party because New York State is a Closed Primary State, which means that you may only vote in a party’s primary election if you are enrolled in that party.

If you do not want to enroll in a political party, check “No party”. NOTE: The Independence Party is a particular party and by checking that box you are not saying that you are an “independent” voter. Only by checking “No party” are you indicating that you are an “independent” voter.

If you don’t select an option you will be given an error message when you hit continue.
Register to vote at your current location or change your party designation.

(All fields required unless specified otherwise)

- US Citizen: Yes
- 18 years of age or older: Yes
- Pre-registration (Under 18 on election day): Yes
- Party Enrollment: Other

Note: Where you choose to file your application to register to vote will remain confidential and will only be used for voter registration purposes

AFFIDAVIT: I swear or affirm that

- I am a citizen of the United States
- I will have lived in the county, city or village for at least 30 days before the election
- I meet all requirements to register to vote in New York State
- This is my signature or mark below
- The above information is true, I understand if it is not true, I can be convicted and fined up to $5,000 and/or jailed for up to four years

☐ I Affirm ☐ I Do Not Affirm

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☐ I Agree ☐ I Do Not Agree

Read carefully, and if you affirm and agree, hit submit.