

Voter Registration Training

May 2021

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State of Iowa Voter Registration Form

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- Both questions must be marked “Yes” to continue.
- Voters can register at 17 if they will be 18 by Election Day. Voters can vote in the Primary Election at 17 if they will be 18 by Election Day.
- Many previously incarcerated persons can now vote if they have completed their sentence, including any parole or probation time. The website <https://RestoreYourVote.iowa.gov> will walk people through a few questions to determine if they can now vote.

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- If a person has an Iowa DL or Iowa non-operator ID, that number should be used.
- Out-of-state driver license numbers cannot be used.
- If no Iowa DL or non-operator ID, they should list the last 4 digits of their SSN,
- It is rare to encounter someone without an SSN; if this box is checked, ensure they understand this section.



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- Date of birth and sex are required.
 - Male/female are the only options the state allows.
 - **PLEASE** have the person include a phone number and/or email
- This allows the auditor's office to contact them more quickly if there are any questions.



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Your Name

- If the last name is hyphenated (such as Smith-Martinez), the name should be written that way in the space for the last name.
- Voters should list their legal given first name (“Victoria” not “Vicki”, “Michael” not “Mike”, etc.).
- Suffix refers to a legal suffix such as “Jr”, “III”, etc.



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Address Where You Live & Address Where You Receive Mail

- Address Where You Live is a residential address.
- If the voter is homeless, they should try to provide as specific information as possible about where they usually sleep or reside so the auditor can determine the voter's precinct.
- For students living in dormitories, the address is the Dorm Hall and Room number. Street name is not necessary.
- Where You Receive Mail only needs to be completed if it is different from the residential address



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- Needed only if the voter has previously been registered elsewhere
- Exact address not needed – whatever registrant can remember – street, city, state – will help
- Allows the auditor to contact that county to let them know of the voter registration change



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- To participate in a primary or caucus, the voter must designate a party.
- Only one box (or none) should be checked.
- If nothing is checked, the auditor assumes “No Party”
- To change your party affiliation, a new voter registration form needs to be submitted.



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- Direct the registrant to carefully read the Warning and Registrant Affidavit before signing and dating the form.
- Ensure the form is signed and dated.



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At the Voter Registration Event

- Smile and be polite.
- Asking “Are you registered to vote at your current address?” or “Do you need to update your voter registration?” can be less confronting
- People need to register if they have never been registered, have changed their name, or have moved.
- People can check their voter registration at sos.iowa.gov
- Formerly incarcerated people can check to see if they are eligible to vote at <https://RestoreYourVote.iowa.gov>
- Registering to vote can be done on-line if the person has an Iowa driver’s license or Iowa non-operator ID through www.vote411.org or sos.iowa.gov
- Review the received voter registration form for completeness and signature/date.

Important Election Dates in 2022

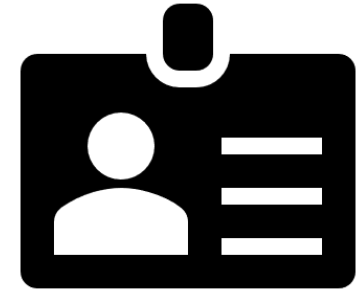
- **Tuesday June 7: Republican and Democratic Primary Elections**
 - In-person Early Voting begins May 18 through Monday June 6
 - Absentee Ballots will be Mailed beginning May 18
 - Absentee Ballots must be received at the Auditor's office by 8:00 pm on Election Day June 7.
 - Polls open June 7 from 7:00 am-8:00 pm
- **Tuesday November 8: General Election**
 - 30 August - 24 October @ 5:00 pm: Absentee ballot request forms can be accepted
 - 19 October: In-person early voting begins
 - 23 October @ 5:00 pm: Pre-registration deadline (In-person early voting and election day voter registration is still available after this deadline with an ID and proof of address)
 - 7 November: Last day of in-person early voting
 - 8 November @ 8:00 pm: Absentee ballots must be received at the auditor's office by 8:00 pm on election day
 - Polls open November 8 from 7:00 am-8:00 pm



A reminder: ID Is Required to Vote in Iowa

- Acceptable Forms of ID in Iowa

- Iowa Driver's License
- Iowa Non-Operator ID
- U.S. Military ID or Veteran ID
- U.S. Passport
- Tribal ID Card/Document
- Iowa Voter Identification Card (signed)
- Other Photo ID that is current, valid, and contains an expiration date. If the photo ID does not contain your current address, you must also provide proof of residence (such as a lease/dorm contract, utility bill, bank statement)



Encourage People to be an Informed Voter

- Good Sources for Information

- VOTE411.org
- VoteSmart.org
- FactCheck.org
- PolitiFact.org
- Iowa Secretary of State website sos.iowa.gov
 - Note: You can track your absentee ballot on this website
- Johnson County Auditor's website <https://www.johnsoncountyiowa.gov/auditor/elections>
 - Note: You can find your polling place and see your sample ballot on this website

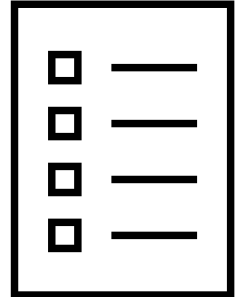


Recent Changes to Iowa Election Law

- Absentee voting begins 20 days before the election
- Mailed absentee ballot requests can be accepted beginning 70 days before the election
- Satellite voting locations for early voting (locations other than the Auditor's office) must be petitioned
- Deadline for absentee ballot request forms and voter pre-registration is 15 days before the election at 5:00 pm
- A drop box for absentee ballots will be located only at the Johnson County Administration Building (913 S Dubuque St, Iowa City)
- Only an immediate family member, someone who lives with the voter, or a caregiver can return an absentee ballot on someone else's behalf
- Mailed absentee ballots must be received by 8:00 pm on election day
- Primary and general election polls close at 8:00 pm on election day

Make a Voting Plan

- Encourage people to make a voting plan early and stick with it
 - If voting absentee by mail –
 - Request your ballot early so it will be sent to you 20 days before the election
 - Follow the instructions carefully
 - Return you ballot promptly (mail or drop in the designated drop box) - it must be received at the Auditor's office by 8:00 pm on election day
 - If voting early in person –
 - Remember your ID
 - Check early voting locations – it may be different than previous years
 - If voting in person on election day
 - Remember your ID
 - Verify your polling location
 - You can register at the polls on election day
 - Remember the polls close at 8:00 pm
 - If you are in line at 8:00 pm, you are allowed to vote



Questions



THANK YOU!