

Returning Citizens

Welcome back! If you were convicted of a misdemeanor, your voting rights were not taken away. You should check your [registration status here](#).

Can I vote?

- If you have been convicted of a felony, you lose your right to vote unless it has been restored by the Governor of Virginia.
- If you have been convicted of a misdemeanor or juvenile offense, you retain your right to vote.
- You can check your voting rights status [here](#).

Election Protection:

Contact the Election Protection Hotlines if your rights have been restored but you are being prevented from voting.

Vote early - don't wait for Election Day!

English – 866 Our Vote – 866 687-8683

Spanish - 888-Ve Y Vota - 888-839 8682

Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, Bengali, Hindu and Tagalog – 888 Api Vote – 888-274-8683

Arabic – 844 Yalla Us - 844 925-5287

These hotlines are staffed by nonpartisan attorneys whose only goal is to help. You do not have to give your name when calling.

***You have the right to request a provisional ballot even if being told you are not on the rolls.**

How do I get my voting rights restored?

You can contact the Secretary of the Commonwealth [here](#) or at 804-692-0104 to request the restoration of your rights, but we cannot guarantee they will be restored.

How does the Governor decide whose rights to restore?

- Each Virginia Governor has a different process to decide whose rights to restore.
- Current Governor Glenn Youngkin has not released the database of information he uses to determine which returning citizens to whom he restores voting rights.
- The Virginia NAACP, represented by the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights under the Law, is in the process of appealing the judge's decision which kept the database confidential. You may be able to follow the case on the [news](#) portion of the Virginia NAACP's website.

Resources:

NoLef Turns <https://www.nolefturns.org/>