



# Voting Rights for New Americans

If you are a naturalized U.S. citizen you have a right and a responsibility to vote. After you have been sworn in as a citizen, you are eligible to vote in U.S. elections, both local and national.

## Who is eligible to vote in Ohio?

- You must be a citizen of the United States. Green card holders, also known as lawful permanent residents, cannot vote.
- You must be eighteen (18) or older by the General Election. In Ohio, Seventeen-year-olds can vote for candidates in primary elections.
- You must register to vote no later than 30 days before the primary or general election
- You must be an Ohio resident for at least 30 days before Election Day.
- You are not incarcerated for committing a felony.
- You have not been declared incompetent for voting purposes by a probate court.
- You have not been permanently disenfranchised for violations of election laws.

## Language Assistance

Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act requires certain jurisdictions to provide in-language voting materials in areas with a significant number of limited English proficient voters. Contact your county Board of Elections for more information.

# Voter Resources

[www.MyOhioVote.com](http://www.MyOhioVote.com) Use the Ohio Secretary of State website to register to vote online in English or Spanish, check your voter registration, print an absentee ballot request form, and look up your local Board of Elections.

[www.eac.gov/voters/resourcesforvoters](http://www.eac.gov/voters/resourcesforvoters) The U.S. Election Assistance Commission provides national voter registration forms in 15 languages, and voter's guides to federal elections in 11 languages.

[Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org) The League of Women Voters of Ohio provides a connection to information about what will be on your ballot as well as information about issues and candidates.

[www.cair-columbus.com](http://www.cair-columbus.com) The Council on American-Islamic Relations, Columbus Chapter helps voters navigate the ballot with voter guides, articles and special reports. 614-451-3232

[www.columbus.gov/newamericans](http://www.columbus.gov/newamericans) The New Americans Initiative helps all immigrants and refugees living in Columbus access to city services and programs to help improve their lives. 614-645-1993