



How to Vote in Maine

Voters with disabilities, get ready and vote in the General Election on or before November 3, 2020, with this voter guide, prepared by AAPD's REV UP.



1. Registering to Vote

- **How can I register to vote?** You can register by downloading and mailing [this form](#). If you have already registered, you can double-check your voter registration status at [vote.org](#).
- **When do I need to register?** Make sure to register to vote by mail by October 19th. You can also register to vote at your city town hall, including on Election Day.
- **Do I need an ID?** You will likely need to have a Maine address and a Maine ID, or a social security number if you don't have a state ID.
- **Can I vote if I have a disability?** Yes! People with disabilities who are at least 18 years old have the right to vote. Your vote matters and is protected by laws to ensure voting is accessible, independent, and private. If you have a guardian, you can still vote, unless a judge has said that you may not vote. Contact your local [Protection and Advocacy](#) agency for help understanding or restoring your right to vote.



2. Learning about the Issues

- **What people or laws can I vote for?** Enter your home address in [Ballotpedia's Sample Ballot Lookup](#) to find out what is on your ballot, and learn about any policy changes, usually called "ballot measures," that you can vote for on your [local elections website](#).



3. Voting in Person

- **Where do I need to go to vote?** Find your polling place through your [local elections website](#).
- **When can I vote?** Maine allows early in person absentee voting from October 5th to October 29th.
- **Can I vote from a car if the polling place is inaccessible?** No, Maine does not specifically allow voters to request a ballot from a car, if a polling place is inaccessible.
- **What if I want assistance with my ballot?** You may choose someone (except your boss, union agent, or a candidate) to assist you in marking your ballot.
- **Do I need an ID?** No, you do not need to bring any ID to your polling place.



4. Voting by Mail

- **Can I vote by mail?** Yes, if you have a disability, you can vote absentee in Maine. In fact, any voter in your state can vote by mail without an excuse.
- **How do I request a mail ballot?** You can request a ballot [online](#) or by mailing this [form](#).
- **When do I need to request my ballot?** The last day to request an absentee ballot is 5:00pm on Thursday, October 29th. Request your ballot as soon as possible to make sure that your ballot is received on time.
- **How do I fill out my ballot?** Maine does have an [electronic absentee ballot](#) available for people with print disabilities. You can complete a ballot electronically and then print it out. Make sure to sign your ballot or envelope when prompted, since Maine requires this signature to match your past signatures.
- **What if I want assistance with my ballot?** Maine does allow you to get assistance with filling out your ballot. If you are being aided in voting absentee, then both your aide and a witness must sign the ballot envelope.
- **How do I return my ballot?** Your ballot must be either mailed or delivered in person to your municipal clerk. Your ballot must be received by 8:00pm on November 3rd, so request your ballot today if you plan to vote by mail!

- **Do I need an ID?** No, you do not need an ID when voting by mail in Maine.
- **Can I track if my ballot was counted?** Yes, you can track your ballot on [Maine's election website](#).

5. Additional Resources

- **Where can I find more info on how to vote?** Check out Maine's [Voter Guide](#) or for the most accurate and up-to-date elections info, contact your elections office:

Maine SOS, Bureau of Corporations, Elections, and Commissions

Phone: (207) 624-7650

Email: CEC.Elections@maine.gov

Address: 101 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0101

Website: <https://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/index.html>

- **What if I am having trouble voting or registering to vote?** If you have any trouble voting, contact your local Protection and Advocacy organization:

Disability Rights Maine

Phone: 800-452-1948 (V/TTY), 207-626-2774 (V/TTY)

Email: advocate@drme.org

Address: 160 Capitol Street Suite 4, Augusta, ME 04330

Website: <https://www.drme.org/>

- **What if I have more questions?** Check out these resources:
 - [Incarceration and Voting Rights](#)
 - [Guardianship and Voting Laws](#)
 - [Resources for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Voters](#)
 - [Resources for Blind and Low Vision Voters](#)
 - [Easy Read and Plain Language Voting Resources](#)
 - [ASL Hotline: 301-818-VOTE \(301-818-8683\)](#)
 - [Election Protection Hotline: 866-OUR-VOTE \(866-687-8683\)](#)
 - <http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/voter-info/voterguide.html>