

How to Vote in New Jersey

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 to vote online or by downloading and returning your county's registration application form to your county clerk's office. If you are not sure whether you are registered to vote, you can double check your voter registration status at njelections.org, by navigating to the tab, Am I Registered?
- When do I need to register? Make sure to register by October 13 because New Jersey does not allow people to register on Election Day.
- **Do I need an ID?** If you register online, you will need to provide a Motor Vehicle Commission Photo ID or the last for numbers of your social security number. If you register using your county's paper registration application form, you will either need to provide a photo ID, social security number, or proof of address.
- 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 says you cannot vote. Contact your local Protection and Advocacy agency for help understanding or restoring your vote.

Q 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.



3. Voting in Person

Where do I need to go to vote? If you are registered to vote, you can find your polling place on New Jersey's elections website once locations are finalized.





- When can I vote? New Jersey does not allow in-person early voting, so you will need to vote on November 3 if you are voting in-person.
- Can I vote from a car if the polling place is inaccessible? No, New Jersey does not specifically allow voters with disabilities to request a ballot from a car.
- 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, unless you are voting for the first time.
- **Important Note!** Everyone who votes in person for the November 3, 2020, general election will be voting by provisional ballot, which must be confirmed before being counted. Call 1-877-658-6837 to find out if your vote counted.

4. Voting by Mail

- Can I vote by mail? Yes, any New Jersey voter can vote by mail.
- How do I request a mail ballot? New Jersey will automatically send all active registered voters a mail-in ballot. If you are not an active registered voter, or if you want your ballot sent to a different address from the one you registered with, you will likely need to complete a vote by mail ballot application and return it to your county clerk's office. You can check if you are registered online. If your mail-in ballot hasn't arrived by October 12, contact your County Clerk.
- When do I need to request my ballot? If you are not an active registered voter and need to apply for a ballot, your application must be received by mail October 23 or you can apply and pick up your ballot in-person until November 3.
- How do I fill out my ballot? New Jersey plans to provide an option for voters with disabilities to request an electronic absentee ballot that can be completed electronically and then printed out, however this is not available yet. Contact your local County Clerk for info. After marking your ballot, you must sign the return envelope (not the ballot), since New Jersey requires your signature to match the signature on your voter registration. If your signatures do not match, you will receive a form in the mail to correct the signature issue. An assistor cannot sign the ballot for you, but you can mark instead of sign the ballot.
- 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. Someone





assisting you will need to fill out the assistor section of your ballot, however your assistor cannot sign the ballot for you.

- How do I return my ballot? You can return your ballot by mail to your county's Board of Election. Your ballot must be postmarked by close of polls on November 3 and received by November 10. You can also deliver your ballot in-person to a secure drop box or your polling place on Election Day by 8pm on November 3. Request your ballot as soon as possible if you plan to vote by mail!
- **Do I need an ID?** No, you do not need an ID.
- Can I track my ballot? Yes, you can track your ballot on this online portal.

2a 5. Additional Resources

• Where can I find more info on how to vote? For the most accurate and up-todate elections info, contact your local elections office:

New Jersey Division of Elections

Mailing Address: NJ Division of Elections, P.O. Box 304, Trenton, NJ 08625-0304

Phone: 1-877-NJ-VOTER (1-877-658-6837), 609-292-0034 TTY/TDD

Email: feedback@sos.nj.gov Website: www.state.nj.us

• 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 New Jersey

Voter Hotline Info: email voterhotline@drnj.org or call (866) 493-0023

Address: 210 S. Broad Street, 3rd Floor, Trenton, NJ 08608

Phone: 609-292-9742, 609-633-7106 TTY, 800-922-7233 Toll Free

Email: advocate@drnj.org Website: www.drnj.org

- What if I have more questions? Check out these resources:
 - 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
 - Incarceration and Voting Rights
 - ASL Hotline: 301-818-VOTE (301-818-8683)
 - o Election Protection Hotline: 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683)
 - o REV UP New Jersey



