



How to Vote in Puerto Rico

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 will have to go to the [Permanent Registration Board \(JIP\)](#) in person to register.
- **When do I need to register?** In order to vote in an upcoming election, the properly completed voter registration form must be completed 50 days before the election, September 14, for the November 2020 election.
- **Do I need an ID?** You will likely need to have [multiple forms of identification](#), which may change depending on where you were born.
- **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. While the guardianship rules are unclear in Puerto Rico it is true that any person who is declared "mentally incompetent" cannot vote. Contact your [local Protection and Advocacy agency](#) for help understanding or restoring your 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.



3. Voting in Person

- **Where do I need to go to vote?** If you are registered to vote, you can find your polling place through this [online portal](#).

- **When can I vote?** Only people who will be working on Election Day, will be hospitalized, or unable to make it to the polls can vote one day early. If you are one of the above you must fill out this [form](#). Everyone else has to vote on November 3.
- **Can I vote from a car if the polling place is inaccessible?** Please contact your [local Protection and Advocacy agency](#) for more information regarding this issue.
- **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?** Yes, you will need to present your Electoral Identification Card when you vote. If you do not have that with you, then you can vote with a valid driver's license or passport.

4. Voting by Mail

- **Can I vote by mail?** Yes, if you have a disability, you can vote absentee in Puerto Rico. For the most part, [only certain voters qualify](#) for absentee ballots.
- **How do I request a mail ballot?** You can email a [completed request form](#) to java@cee.pr.gov, or mail it to the Absentee Vote Administrative Board. You can also request an application in person from your local election board.
- **When do I need to request my ballot?** Requests submitted by mail must be postmarked on or before September 4 and received by election officials by September 19.
- **How do I fill out my ballot?** You have to complete a paper ballot. Make sure to sign your ballot or envelope when prompted, since Puerto Rico requires this signature to match your past signature.
- **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. Please contact your [local Protection and Advocacy agency](#) for more information on this.
- **How do I return my ballot?** You will likely need to mail your ballot to your local [Permanent Registration Board](#) (JIP). Please confirm this through a [voter inquiry](#). Your ballot must be received by October 4, so request your ballot as soon as possible if you plan to vote by mail!

- **Do I need an ID?** You will need to provide your electoral ID number and social security number when requesting an absentee ballot. And it is possible that the ballot itself will ask for them again. Please follow whatever instructions are included.
- **Can I track my ballot?** Unfortunately, no, but you can help make sure your ballot counts by returning it as early as possible and following the instructions as best as you can.

5. Additional Resources

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

Puerto Rico State Elections Commission

Address: PO Box 195552 San Juan, PR 00919-5552

Phone: 787-777-8682, 787-294-1190, 787-777-0228 (TTY CEE)

Email: consulta.ceepur.org/

Website: ww2.ceepur.org/Home/ServiciosElector

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

Defensoría de las Personas con Impedimentos de Puerto Rico

Address: Centro Gubernamental Minillas, Ave. De Diego, Santurce, PR 00912

Phone: 787-725-2333

Email: dpi@dpi.pr.gov

Website: www.dpi.pr.gov/Pages/default.aspx

- **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](#)
- [Help with Getting a Voter ID](#)
- [Help with Getting a Printed Absentee Ballot Application](#)
- [ASL Hotline](#): 301-818-VOTE (301-818-8683)
- [Election Protection Hotline](#): 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683)

