



How to Vote in Rhode Island

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 [online](#), if you have a Rhode Island ID from the Department of Motor Vehicles, or 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 by mail or online by October 4, or you can register in-person on Election Day (for presidential elections only).
- **Do I need an ID?** No - if you do not have a RI Driver's License or RI State ID, a form will be generated for you to print and mail to your local Board of Canvassers. But you will need to have an [ID](#) when you vote.
- **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 issued a court order saying 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?** You can find a sample ballot by entering your info on Rhode Island's [elections website](#). You can also 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 your [Voter Information Center](#).
- **When can I vote?** Rhode Island does allow in-person early voting so you can vote in-person at your city or town hall between October 14 and November 2 and avoid the lines on Election Day!
- **Can I vote from a car if the polling place is inaccessible?** No, Rhode Island 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?** Yes, you will need to bring an [acceptable photo ID](#) to the polling place or you will be required to vote with a [provisional ballot](#) that must be verified by your Local Board of Canvassers.



4. Voting by Mail

- **Can I vote by mail?** Any Rhode Island voter can vote by mail.
- **How do I request a mail ballot?** A mail-in ballot application will be sent to all [active voters](#) in Rhode Island.
- **When do I need to request my ballot?** You must submit your mail-in ballot application to your local board of canvassers by October 13. Request your ballot as soon as possible to make sure that your ballot is received on time.
- **How do I fill out my ballot?** Rhode Island plans to allow voters with disabilities to request electronic ballot delivery, so you may be able to receive and mark your ballot electronically before printing it. For more info, contact your [Secretary of State Elections Division](#). Make sure to sign your ballot or envelope when prompted, since Rhode Island requires this signature to match your application signature. Eligible voters requesting a Braille or tactile ballot must do so 45 days before the election.

- **What if I want assistance with my mail ballot?** Contact your Local Board of Canvassers or [Disability Rights Rhode Island](#), if you need help marking your ballot.
- **How do I return my ballot?** Ballot should be mailed to the Rhode Island Board of Elections or delivered to your [local drop box](#). Your ballot must be received by 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 when voting by mail.
- **Can I track if my ballot was counted?** Yes, you can track your ballot through your [online Voter Record](#).

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:
Rhode Island Secretary of State Elections Division
 Address: 148 West River Street, Providence, RI 02904-2615
 Phone: (401) 222-2340, Voter Hotline 211
 Email: elections@sos.ri.gov
 Website: vote.sos.ri.gov/
- **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 Rhode Island
 Address: 33 Broad Street Suite 601, Providence, RI 02903
 Phone: 401-831-3150, Toll Free: 800-733-5332
 Email: info@drri.org
 Website: drri.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)
 - [Election Protection Hotline](#): 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683)