



# HOW TO VOTE IN OREGON

A Quick Guide for People with Disabilities Voting in the 2022 General Election on or Before November 8, 2022.



## REGISTERING TO VOTE

- **How can I register to vote?** You can register:
  - If you have already registered, you can check if you are registered to vote at [vote411.org](https://vote411.org).
  - Online at Oregon's [Online Voter Registration Website](#).
  - By downloading and mailing the Oregon [mail in registration form](#).
- **When do I need to register?** Be sure to register to vote on or before October 18, 2022. Oregon does not allow people to register after this date or on Election Day for this election.
- **Do I need identification (ID) to register?** You will need to have a Oregon address and Oregon state ID card or driver's license. You can use your 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 18 years old or older have the right to vote. Your vote matters and is protected by laws to make sure voting is accessible, independent, and private. If you have a guardian, you can still vote, unless a judge said you cannot vote. For help understanding or getting back your right to vote, contact your local [Protection and Advocacy Agency \(P&A\)](#).
- **Can I vote if I have gone to jail or prison?** If you have gone to jail or prison, you should check to see if you are allowed to vote. Learn about

voting rights for people who have [gone to jail or prison](#). You can also [contact your local P&A](#).



## LEARNING ABOUT THE ISSUES

- **What is a ballot?** A ballot is a list of who and what you can vote for. Your ballot will list candidates who are running for different offices, such as Senator or Representative. You vote by marking your choice on the ballot.
- **What is a ballot measure?** Sometimes, your ballot will have ballot measures. A ballot measure is a law, issue, or question that you can vote on. Voters get to decide if they agree or disagree with the ballot measure by voting yes to agree or no to disagree. You can learn about ballot measures on the Oregon [election website](#).
- **Can I look at my ballot before I go to vote?** Enter your home address in [Ballotpedia's Sample Ballot Lookup](#). This tool will give you a "sample ballot," which will show you what will be on your ballot when you vote.



## VOTING IN PERSON

- **Where do I need to go to vote?** Most voters in Oregon vote by mail. Learn about voting by mail below. If you need help voting, or you want to vote in person, you can go to a polling place. You can find your local polling place through the Oregon election website. [Find your polling place](#).
- **Can I vote before Election Day?** Unfortunately, Oregon does not allow voters to vote in person before Election Day. You will need to vote on November 8, 2022 if you are voting in person. If you are away from home on Election Day, you can vote by mail. Learn about vote by mail below.
- **Can I vote outside if the polling place is inaccessible?** Oregon does not usually allow voters to vote outside the polling place if it is

inaccessible. However, some polling places may offer this option, which is called curbside voting. Contact your local elections office for more information.

- **What if I want help with filling out my ballot?** You may choose someone to help you vote. Your helper cannot be a candidate or your boss. If you are part of a labor union at work, the person who helps you vote cannot be a representative of that labor union. [What is a labor union?](#) You may also ask for help from poll workers at the polling place.
- **Do I need an ID?** Oregon does not require voters to present ID to vote in person, unless it is their first time voting in a federal election in Oregon. [Learn about voter ID.](#)



## VOTING BY MAIL

- **Can I vote by mail?** Any voter in Oregon can vote by mail.
- **How do I request a mail ballot?** If you are registered to vote, Oregon will automatically send you a mail ballot. You must register to vote by October 18, 2022.
- **Can I get an electronic vote by mail ballot?** Oregon allows voters with disabilities to request an alternate format ballot that they can fill out electronically, print, and return. [Request electronic ballot.](#)
- **Do I need to sign my ballot?** Be sure to sign your ballot or envelope when asked, since Oregon requires this signature to match one of your past signatures.
- **What if I want help with filling out my ballot?** You should be allowed to choose someone, except for your boss, a union representative if you are part of a labor union, or a candidate, to help you with filling out your ballot.
- **How do I return my ballot?** You can return your ballot by mail, in person, or by drop box. If you are returning your ballot by mail, it must be postmarked by November 8, 2022 and received by election officials

on November 15, 2022. If you are returning your ballot in person, it must be received by November 8, 2022.

- **Can someone return my ballot for me?** Yes, you may choose to have someone return your ballot for you.
- **Do I need an ID to vote by mail?** No, you do not need an ID when voting by mail unless you are voting for the first time in a federal election in Oregon.
- **Can I track my ballot?** Yes, you can track your ballot online to see if the elections office has received it. You can do this on the Oregon election website. [Track your ballot.](#)



## MORE VOTING HELP

- **Where can I find more info on how to vote?** Check out the Oregon [state election website](#). Learn about [voting assistance for voters with disabilities](#).
- **What if I am having trouble voting or registering to vote?** If you have any trouble voting, [contact your local P&A](#). The hotline number for voters with disabilities is 503-243-2081.
- **What if I have more questions?** Check out these resources:
  - [Oregon Voter Hotline](#): 866-673-8683
  - [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)



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