



# NONPROFIT VOTE STATE FACT SHEET MASSACHUSETTS



## VOTER FAQs:

### WHAT SHOULD I KNOW TO BE REGISTERED TO VOTE?

- **How Old Do I Need to Be?** Can pre-register at 16, 18 to vote.
- **Can I Register Online?** Yes, if you have a state-issued ID, otherwise register on paper.
- **I Have a Felony Record, Can I Still Register?** Once you are no longer incarcerated you may register.
- **I Am Homeless, How Do I Register?** Use the address or cross streets for wherever you sleep.
- **Where Do I Register in Person?** At any local election office or the Elections Division of the Secretary of Commonwealth office.
- **Is there a Residency Requirement?** No requirement, only have to be a U.S. citizen.
- **Do I need ID to Register in-person?** No, but ID will be required at polling location if not provided beforehand. License, state ID, utility bill, or any document showing voter's name and address.

### WHAT SHOULD I KNOW ABOUT VOTING IN-PERSON?

- **Do I Need ID to Vote?** May be required for first time voters, required if no ID was provided or shown during the registration process.
- **When Can I Vote?** See the Important Dates.
- **Where Can I Find My Polling Place?** See the State Voter Portal.
- **I Have a Disability, Are Polling Places Accessible to Me?** Can have assistance during the entire process. Equipment is also available at every polling location.

### WHAT SHOULD I KNOW ABOUT VOTING BY MAIL?

- **Who Can Vote By Mail?** Anyone, no excuse required.
- **How Do I Apply for a Vote By Mail Ballot?** Complete and return the application to your local election office. Can be done via mail, hand-delivery, fax or email.
- **How Do I Return My Ballot?** Mail (postage is paid) or deliver to local election office or official ballot return drop-box.
- **When is My Ballot Due?** Postmarked by November 3 and arrive by November 6.
- **How Do I Track My Ballot?** See Track Your Ballot.



### IMPORTANT DATES

*General Election:* Nov 3

*Registration Deadline:* Oct 24

*Vote by Mail Request Deadline:* Oct 28

*Early Voting Period:* Oct 17 - 30



### HELPFUL LINKS

*Register to Vote Online:*

[sec.state.ma.us/ovr](https://sec.state.ma.us/ovr)

*State Voter Portal:*

[sec.state.ma.us/wheredoivotema/bal/myelectioninfo.aspx](https://sec.state.ma.us/wheredoivotema/bal/myelectioninfo.aspx)

*Local election offices:*

[sec.state.ma.us/ele/eleclk/clkidx.htm](https://sec.state.ma.us/ele/eleclk/clkidx.htm)

*Track Your Ballot:*

[sec.state.ma.us/wheredoivotema/track/trackmyballot.aspx](https://sec.state.ma.us/wheredoivotema/track/trackmyballot.aspx)



### PRINTABLE FORMS

*State Registration Form:*

[sec.state.ma.us/ele/elepdf/Voter-reg-mail-in.pdf](https://sec.state.ma.us/ele/elepdf/Voter-reg-mail-in.pdf)

*Federal Registration Form:*

[eac.gov/voters/national-mail-voter-registration-form](https://eac.gov/voters/national-mail-voter-registration-form) (multiple languages)

*Vote By Mail Application:*

[sec.state.ma.us/ele/elepdf/2020-Vote-by-Mail-Application.pdf](https://sec.state.ma.us/ele/elepdf/2020-Vote-by-Mail-Application.pdf)

*\*Rules For 3rd Party Registration:*

*(esp turnaround time and certification/training)*  
No training, no notification required, no compensation allowed. Must be submitted within 5 calendar days of completion or by registration deadline, whichever is earlier.



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\* Please note that the information contained herein is accurate as of 8/27/2020. The best way to get current information - particularly in light of COVID - is to check with your state's chief election division (usually the secretary of state's office) or county elections office.