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VOTING IN NEVADA

One of the cornerstones of our democracy is access to free and fair elections. ACLU of Nevada's priority is to ensure every eligible voter can cast their ballot and make their voices heard. Below you will find information about all things voting, including registering to vote, casting your ballot, and how to get involved in the democratic process. It also contains valuable information for voters with special circumstances, such as those with a disability, with a felony conviction, living on campus as a student, and experiencing homelessness.

The information in this guide is not legal advice, but is intended to be a resource for Nevadans to feel confident in casting their ballot.

Registering to Vote

Voter Eligibility

In Nevada, to be eligible to vote, you must be:

- Be 18 years or older on or before Election Day;
- Be a U.S. citizen;
- Be a Nevada resident for at least 30 days before any election (and a resident of the precinct for 10 days preceding the election);
- Not be serving a term of imprisonment for a felony; and/or
- Not have been declared by a court to be mentally incompetent.

If a person will be 18 years old and will have met the residency requirement at the time of the election, they are also eligible to register to vote.

Registering Online

If you are a Nevada resident with a current and valid Nevada driver's license or I.D., you can register to vote online. There is no deadline to register to vote online in Nevada. Voters can register to vote or update their existing voter registration information online up to and including Election Day.

However, if a voter registers online within 14 days of an election, they will have to vote in person and provide ID following the requirements of same-day voter registration.

Register Online Here



Registering by Mail

To register by mail, you must fill out the Nevada Voter Registration Application form and mail it to the County Clerk or Registrar of Voters in your county.

Print a Paper Application Here



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Find Your County Clerk/Registrar Here



When registering by mail, your registration must be postmarked by the fourth Tuesday before the primary or general election.

Registering In Person

Voters can register in person at any Nevada DMV office, your County Clerk or Registrar office, and your City Clerk's office. When registering in person at any of the above locations, the deadline to register is the fourth Tuesday before the primary or general election.

Same-Day Registration

Nevada offers Same Day Registration, which allows a voter to register for the first time or update their existing registration within 14 days of the election, including the same day they vote.

How do I same-day register?

To same-day register, you **MUST** have a valid Nevada driver's license or ID, and you **MUST** vote in person at that polling location. You may potentially be able to use a Tribal ID to meet this requirement. See below for more details.

If your Nevada driver's license or I.D. does not have your current address on it, you will also need to provide proof of residence. The following list can be used as proof of residence:

- A military identification card;
- A utility bill, including, without limitation, a bill for electric, gas, oil, water, sewer, septic, telephone, cellular telephone, or cable television service;
- A bank or credit union statement;
- A paycheck;
- An income tax return;
- A statement concerning the mortgage, rental,

or lease of a residence;

- A motor vehicle registration;
- A property tax statement;
- Any other document issued by a governmental agency; or
- A tribal identification card.

Once you have provided the required identification and completed the registration process, you will be given a ballot. This may be a provisional ballot.

Can I use my Tribal I.D. Card to same-day register?

Yes; however, per NRS 237.200, a tribal ID card can only be used to identify a person if it contains:

- The full legal name of the holder of the card;
- The date of birth of the holder of the card;
- A unique number assigned to the holder of the card;
- A digital photograph of the full face of the holder of the card;
- The address of the principal residence of the holder of the card;
- A physical description of the holder of the card, including, without limitation, the height, weight, hair color, and eye color of the holder of the card;
- The usual signature of the holder of the card;
- The date on which the card is issued; and
- A reference to the tribal government which issued the card

Can I use a Driver's Authorization Card to same-day register?

No. While a driver's authorization card can be used as proof of your residential address for same-day registration, it cannot be used as proof of identity, and a valid Nevada driver's license or Nevada ID card must still be presented to the polling place election official in order to same-day register.

Can I register online and vote same day?

Yes. Any Nevada resident with a valid Nevada driver's license or I.D. can register online at RegisterToVote.NV.gov. However, any person who registers to vote

online on or after 14 days prior to election day may only vote in-person at a polling location and must show their valid Nevada driver's license, Nevada ID card, or tribal ID to vote in that election.

What is a provisional ballot?

A provisional ballot is a full ballot and contains all the same contents available for your precinct. These ballots can only be counted if certain provisions are met, meaning you are eligible to vote and you have not already cast a ballot in that election. If you same-day register, you will be required to cast a provisional ballot until your eligibility is confirmed. The county clerk also has the right to require a voter to cast a provisional ballot if they have reasonable cause to believe it is necessary and provide sufficient time to verify the voter's eligibility. All provisional ballots are held for counting until all other mail and in-person ballots have been counted.

5 Ways to Vote

Vote by Mail

- Nevada is a vote-by-mail state. Every registered Nevada voter will receive a ballot by mail unless they have opted out of receiving one. Ensure that you fill in the bubbles and sign the envelope. When you have finished filling out the ballot, you can mail it.
- All voters who are registered to vote no later than 14 days before election day will automatically be sent a mail ballot to their registered address.
- Voters may opt out of receiving a ballot in the mail for all future elections by submitting a form to their county clerk at least 60 days before election day. Voters who opt out of receiving a mail ballot may vote in person during early voting or on election day.

When to expect your ballot:

- For in-state voters, their mail ballot will be distributed on or after the fifth Monday before the election, but not later than the fourth Monday before the election.
- For out-of-state voters, the mail ballot will be distributed no later than 40 days before election day.

- If a voter registers after the dates set for distributing mail ballots have passed but at least 14 days before election day, the ballot will be mailed no later than 13 days before the election.

Early Voting Mail Ballot Drop Off

Nevada is a vote-by-mail state, meaning every registered voter will receive a mail ballot unless they have chosen to opt out of receiving one. Once a voter has finished filling out their ballot, they can drop their ballot off in person at any early voting location instead of mailing it.

Election Day Ballot Drop Off

Just like during early voting, voters can also drop off their filled-out mail ballots at any polling location on election day.

In-Person Early Voting

Any eligible voter can vote before election day by casting a ballot in person at any early voting polling site. Be sure to check what time your location opens and closes, as early voting locations have their own hours of operation.

Remember, if you are in line before the polls close, you are still permitted to vote, so stay in line.

In Person on Election Day

Any eligible voter can vote in person on election day. If you are in line by the time the polls close, you are still permitted to vote, so stay in line.

Special Circumstances When Voting

Voting After a Felony Conviction

If an individual has been convicted of a felony, their voting rights are automatically restored upon their release from prison. This includes individuals who are placed on probation, granted parole, or granted a pardon stemming from a felony conviction. The voter does not have to take any additional action to restore these rights; however, they should still check to ensure their registration is still active and updated.

Voting in Jail

In Nevada, people who are detained in city or county jails, and are not currently serving prison time for

a felony conviction, can vote. NRS 293.269971 requires jail administrators to set up policies and procedures for providing eligible voters access to register to vote and cast their ballot.

Voting in a Non-English Language

Some counties in Nevada are required to provide language assistance in Spanish, Shoshone, and Tagalog. All counties are required to provide election-related information to voters in Spanish. Election materials in other languages will be dependent on census data according to federal law, as well as anything the Nevada Secretary of State chooses to offer. Contact your county clerk before election day to find out what is available in your area.

In places where language assistance is required, poll workers should offer this assistance; if they do not, you can tell a poll worker that you want assistance. You are entitled to a translation of all ballots and other voting materials.

Even if language assistance is not available where you vote, you have the right to bring an interpreter with you to the polls or to get language assistance from anyone you choose and agrees to help you, including a poll worker, as long as the person is not your employer, an agent of your employer, or an officer or agent of your labor union.

If you don't have someone to translate for you, call the Election Protection hotline at 1-866-OUR-VOTE. The Nevada Secretary of State's Office will also have a toll-free phone number that can be used for language interpretation or assistance.

Voting While Experiencing Homelessness

If you are homeless or do not have a traditional street address, you may sign a sworn affidavit under penalty of perjury to prove your identity and residence.

A voter without a home mailing address can still register to vote. When registering to vote, a voter who resides at a location without an assigned street address can provide a description of the location. The description must be specific enough to allow the county clerk to assign the location to a precinct. For example, you can provide a description of a specific park, church, shelter, or street corner that you typically reside at. Note that even if a shelter does not permit you to use its address as a residential address,

you can still use it for voter registration purposes if you normally reside there.

Voting in Nevada for Students in Higher Education

If you are a student and living on campus during an election date, you can register to vote using your school address or your Nevada home address, whichever you consider your primary legal residence. Students should keep in mind that although they may have residency in multiple counties or states, they can only vote in one place.

Students who have established residency in Nevada but who will be out of the country during the election may vote absentee through Nevada's Effective Absentee System for Elections (EASE).

Voting in the Military or Overseas

If an individual is stationed overseas on a military assignment, temporarily overseas for school, or permanently relocated overseas, they are considered an overseas voter. Nevada's Effective Absentee System for Elections (EASE) is a completely online resource that integrates voter registration and electronic ballot delivery and marking and is available for use by military and overseas voters, their spouses, and dependents. It allows overseas voters to continue participating in Nevada elections as long as they satisfy the State's voter eligibility requirements outside of the residency requirement.

Military and overseas voters must use the address of their last place of residence in Nevada, or in the case of a dependent, the address of their parent or guardian's last place of residence in Nevada, when registering to vote.

EASE is available for all Nevada elections no less than 46 days before election day.

Discharged military members who are not registered to vote at the close of registration will still be able to register in person and vote. Contact the Nevada Secretary of State's office to arrange for voter registration.

Find More Information About Military and Overseas Voting Here



Voting with a Disability

Voters with a disability are entitled to various accommodations when it comes to voter registration and casting a vote. Most of these accommodations are also available to elderly voters.

Mail Ballots

A voter who has a physical disability, is at least 65 years of age, or is unable to read or write, may request to be assisted with the marking and signing of a mail ballot.

The county clerk is required to make reasonable accommodations for the use of the mail ballot by a person who is elderly or disabled. For example, a voter may request their mail ballot in 12-point type.

Voting in Person

When voting in person, a registered voter with a physical disability may use a mobile device to access interpretive services for assistance in casting a vote. They can also request the county clerk and election board officer to provide reasonable accommodations to cast a vote at a polling place.

The voter may request assistance from someone of their choice in using a voting device, as long as the person is not their employer, an agent of their employer, nor an officer or agent of the voter's labor union.

Registration

A voter with a disability or illness may request the county clerk in writing or by telephone to preregister, or register before the last day to register to vote by mail, at their home residence.

Voting Online

A voter with a disability is also eligible to use Nevada's Effective Absentee System for Elections (EASE) to cast their vote.

Accessibility to Polling Places and Materials

There are regulations to maintain the accessibility of polling places, ballots, and election materials to people who are elderly and persons with disabilities. Every polling place must have at least one booth for the elderly and persons with disabilities, which is designed to be used with a wheelchair to vote. The booth will be equally as private as other booths and will also have a mechanical recording device for a person with a disability to record their vote electronically. Voters who are disabled or are physically unable to wait in line will be moved to the front of a line or have a separate line to vote before others. Polling places may offer additional accommodations.

A person who is elderly or disabled can be provided any material that is related to elections, or made available by the Secretary of State or county clerk to the public in printed form, in a format that can be used by the person within 5 days of submitting a request.

Find More Information About Voting With a Disability Here



Curing Mail Ballots

A common reason that a mail-in ballot may be rejected is that the voter did not sign it or their signature did not match their voter registration. When this happens, election officials will notify the voter, and the voter has until 5 p.m. on the sixth day following the election to provide the missing signature or otherwise confirm the allegedly mismatched signature provided. The county clerk will reach out by mail, telephone, or email, depending on what contact information has been provided.

Important Dates for 2026 Elections

Primary Election

Election Day (Last day to vote in person): Tuesday, June 9, 2026.

Early Voting Period: Saturday, May 23, 2026, to Friday, June 5, 2026.

Voting Period of the Effective Absentee Voting System for Elections (EASE): Opens no later than Friday, April 24, 2026, and will close on Tuesday, June 9, 2026.

Last day to register online: There is no deadline to register to vote online. You can register up until Election Day, June 9, 2026.

Mail-in registration deadline: Tuesday, May 12, 2026.

In-person registration deadline: The deadline to register at the County Clerk's Office is Tuesday, May 12, 2026.

Same-day in-person registration deadline: Tuesday, June 9, 2026.

Deadline to cure mail ballots: The correction deadline is 5 p.m. on Monday, June 15, 2026.

Deadline to opt out of receiving a mail ballot: The deadline to opt out of receiving a mail ballot for all future elections is Friday, April 10, 2026.

General Election

Election day (Last day to vote in person): Tuesday, November 3, 2026.

Early Voting Period: Saturday, October 17, 2026, through Friday, October 30, 2026.

EASE Voting Period (Effective Absentee Systems Election): Opens no later than Friday, September 18, 2026, and will close on November 3, 2026.

Last day to register online: There is no deadline to register to vote online. You can register up until Election Day, November 3, 2026.

Deadline to register by mail: Tuesday, October 6, 2026.

Deadline to register in person: The deadline to register at the county clerk's office is Tuesday, October 6, 2026.

Deadline for same-day in-person registration: November 3, 2026.

Deadline to cure mail ballots: The deadline to cure is 5 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2026.

Deadline to opt out of receiving a mail ballot: The deadline to opt out of receiving a mail ballot for all future elections is Friday, September 4, 2026.

You can find more Know Your Rights guides and request a training at aclunv.org/KYR.

