



# Registering to vote in



# NEW YORK CITY

A GUIDE



# VOTING IS A FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT

We need to make sure every eligible New Yorker has the power to make a difference on the issues they care about. Thanks for helping and encouraging more New Yorkers to participate in our democracy!

# WHO CAN REGISTER TO VOTE

To register to vote in NYC, you must:

- Be a US citizen.
- Be an NYC resident for at least 30 days.
- Be 18 years old by the end of the calendar year (you must be 18 on Election Day to vote).
- Not be currently serving time for a felony. (If you are serving time for a misdemeanor, you can still vote or register to vote).\*
- Not be considered mentally incompetent by a court.
- Not claim the right to vote anywhere outside of NYC.

\* If you are on parole, you have the right to vote as long as you have been pardoned by the governor. Check on the status of your pardon at [www.doccs.ny.gov/ParoleeLookup/Lookup.aspx](http://www.doccs.ny.gov/ParoleeLookup/Lookup.aspx) (look for the Voting Restoration Pardon indicator).

For more information, visit [www.nycctfb.info/nyc-votes/registering](http://www.nycctfb.info/nyc-votes/registering).

# REGISTERING TO VOTE

## ONLINE

If you have a valid NY state ID, you can register on the Department of Motor Vehicles website at [dmv.ny.gov/more-info/electronic-voter-registration-application](https://dmv.ny.gov/more-info/electronic-voter-registration-application).

## BY MAIL

Request a voter registration form (call 212-VOTE-NYC or print one from [voting.nyc](https://voting.nyc)), fill it out, and mail it to the main Board of Elections office at 32 Broadway, 7th Fl, New York, NY 10004. Your form must be delivered or mailed at least 25 days before the next election for it to be effective for that election.

You can also obtain registration forms from libraries, post offices, and most NYC government agencies.

## IN PERSON

You may register to vote at any city BOE office (see back cover for locations and hours).

You should receive a registration confirmation card from the BOE within 20 days after submitting your form. If you don't, call the BOE to verify that your application was received and processed.

# VERIFYING YOUR IDENTITY

To register, you can provide your DMV number (driver's license or non-driver ID) or the last four digits of your Social Security number. If you don't have either of those, you can use a valid photo ID, current utility bill, paycheck, government check, or another government document that shows your name and address.

## **ENROLLING IN A POLITICAL PARTY:**

Enrolling in a party is optional, but in order to vote in a party's primary elections, you must be enrolled in that party.

## **ADDRESS:**

- Use your home address to register to vote. If you move, you should also notify the Board of Elections of your new address by using a new registration form.
- For homeless New Yorkers: When filling out your voter registration form, write a location where you can be found, such as "Bench on Central Park on 86th Street" and an address where you can receive mail, such as a shelter or a P.O. Box.



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You may register to vote at age 17 as long as you will be 18 by the end of the year.

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Write the address where you live in Box 8.  
To receive mail at a different address, write it in Box 9.

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If you are homeless:

- write a location where you can be found, such as "Bench in Central Park on 86th Street", in Box 8.
- write an address where you can receive mail, such as a shelter or P.O. Box in Box 9.

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If you are updating your voter registration, fill in your previous name, address, or county/state to help the BOE find your existing registration.

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You must choose one of the parties listed, write in the name of a party, or choose not to enroll in any party. You must enroll in one of the listed parties to vote in that party's primary elections, unless state rules allow otherwise.

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You may change your party once a year by completing a new registration form and submitting it no less than 25 days before the general election. This will go into effect 7 days after the election.

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If you are unable to vote at your poll site on Election Day, check the box to receive an absentee ballot application. You may request an absentee ballot from the BOE after registering to vote whether or not you check this box.

## 1 Qualifications

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| 1 | Are you a citizen of the U.S.?<br>If you answer No, you cannot reg                                  |
| 2 | Will you be 18 years of age or older on or before election day?<br>If you answer No, you cannot reg |

Your name

3	Last name
	First name

More information  
Items 5, 6 & 7 are optional

4	Birth date	M	M		D	D		Y	Y
6	Phone								

The address where you live

8	Address (not P.O. box)
	Apt. Number
	City/Town/Village
	New York State County

The address where you receive mail  
Skip if same as above

9	Address or P.O. box
	P.O. Box
	City/Town/Village

Voting history

10	Have you voted before?	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Voting information that has changed  
Skip if this has not changed or you have not voted before

12	Your name was
	Your address was
	Your previous state or New York

Identification

You must make 1 selection  
For questions, please refer to Verifying your identity above.

13	<input type="checkbox"/> New York State DMV number
	<input type="checkbox"/> Last four digits of your Social S
	<input type="checkbox"/> I do not have a New York State

Political party

You must make 1 selection

Political party enrollment is optional but that, in order to vote in a primary election of a political party, a voter must enroll in that political party, unless state party rules allow otherwise.

14	I wish to enroll in a political party
	<input type="checkbox"/> Democratic party
	<input type="checkbox"/> Republican party
	<input type="checkbox"/> Conservative party
	<input type="checkbox"/> Working Families party
	<input type="checkbox"/> Green party
	<input type="checkbox"/> Libertarian party
	<input type="checkbox"/> Independence party
	<input type="checkbox"/> SAM party
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
	I do not want to enroll in any political party and wish to be an independent voter
	<input type="checkbox"/> No party

Optional questions

15	<input type="checkbox"/> I need to apply for an Absentee ballot
	<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to be an Election Day voter

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# STATE VOTER REGISTRATION FORM

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Middle Initial	
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7	Email
Zip code	
Zip code	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	11 What year?
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driver's license or a Social Security number.	
16	<b>Affidavit: I swear or affirm that</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I am a citizen of the United States.</li><li>I will have lived in the county, city or village for at least 30 days before the election.</li><li>I meet all requirements to register to vote in New York State.</li><li>This is my signature or mark in the box below.</li><li>The above information is true, I understand that if it is not true, I can be convicted and fined up to \$5,000 and/or jailed for up to four years.</li></ul>
Sign	
Date	

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You must be a citizen to register to vote.

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Your name must match the name on your ID.

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Writing your phone number and/or email allows the BOE to contact you if there are any problems with your registration form. It is not required.

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If you are updating your voter registration, this information will help the BOE locate your voting record. It is not required.

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Provide either a New York State ID number or the last 4 digits of your social security number.

If you don't have either, check the third box. The first time you vote, you will need to present identification at the poll site: (1) a photo ID or (2) a proof of address, such as an electric or gas bill that shows your name and address.

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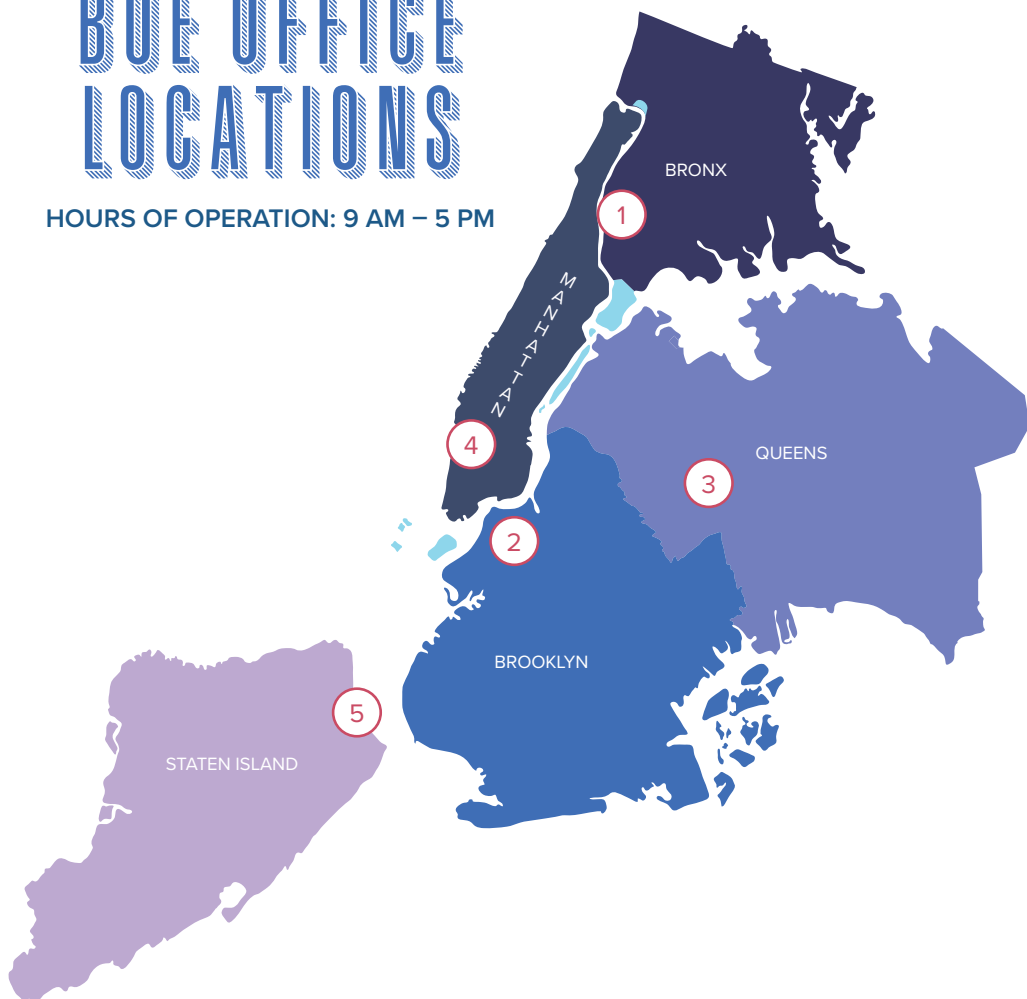
Please read the terms of the affidavit carefully before you sign and date to validate your form.

Someone can assist you with filling out the rest of the form, but you must sign it yourself.

BLUE OR BLACK INK!

# BOE OFFICE LOCATIONS

HOURS OF OPERATION: 9 AM – 5 PM



- 1 **Bronx** 1780 Grand Concourse, 5 Fl, Bronx, NY 10457 (718-299-9017)
- 2 **Brooklyn** 345 Adams Street, 4 Fl, Brooklyn, NY 11201 (718-797-8800)
- 3 **Queens** 118-35 Queens Boulevard, Forest Hills, NY 11375 (718-730-6730)
- 4 **Manhattan** 200 Varick Street, 10 Fl, New York, NY 10014 (212-886-2100)
- 5 **Staten Island** 1 Edgewater Plaza, 4 Fl, Staten Island, NY 10305 (718-876-0079)