



## Your Rights When Voting in Person

### Can I Vote?

You must be registered to vote. You can check on the NC State Board of Elections website at [ncsbe.gov](http://ncsbe.gov) to [see if you are registered](#) and to get a [voter registration form](#) if you are not.

You can register to vote if:

- You are a United States citizen;
- You will be 18 years old or older on an election day; and
- You have been a resident of the county where you are registering for at least 30 days before the election.

You are eligible to vote **even if you have a legal guardian** unless a court has ordered otherwise.

If you have been convicted of a felony, you are eligible to vote if you have served your time, including probation or parole. However, you will have to register to vote again.

### Where and When Do I Vote?

You can vote in person at a polling site. You can vote early or on Election Day.

For the 2018 **primary** elections, the deadline to register to vote is April 13. After that date, you still can register to vote at a One-Stop/Early Voting site in your county. In 2018, the One-Stop/Early Voting Period is from Thursday, April 19 to Saturday, May 5. Election Day is Tuesday, May 8.

For the 2018 **general** elections, the deadline to register to vote is October 12. After that date, you still can register to vote at a One-Stop/Early Voting site in your county. In 2018, the One-Stop/Early Voting Period is from Thursday, October 18 to Saturday, November 3. Election Day is Tuesday, November 6.

Contact your county board of elections to find out about One-Stop/Early Voting time and locations. You can find the contact information for your county board of elections on the State Board of Elections website, [ncsbe.gov](http://ncsbe.gov).

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On Election Day, the polls are open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. You must be allowed to vote if you are in line when the polls close. Find your Election Day voting site and see pictures of it at [ncsbe.gov](http://ncsbe.gov). You may not register to vote on Election Day.

### **Curbside Voting**

Curbside voting (voting from a car) is available at every voting site, including Early Voting sites. You can vote curbside if you cannot vote inside without assistance due to age or physical disability. Being unable to stand or wait in line is a valid reason. You don't have to "try and fail" at voting inside before you are allowed to vote curbside.

### **Voting with Assistance**

You can always have a near-relative help you vote. A "near-relative" is a spouse, brother, sister, parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, mother-in-law, father-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, stepparent, or stepchild.

When voting at a polling site, almost any person you choose can help you (including poll workers and people who are not your near-relatives) if:

- You have a physical or visual disability and are unable to enter the voting booth or mark the ballot without assistance; or
- You are unable to read without assistance.

There are certain people who cannot help you vote. You cannot get assistance from your employer, an agent of your employer, or an agent of any union to which you belong. A poll worker cannot force you to accept assistance from someone you do not choose. You are allowed to communicate with poll workers non-verbally, in writing, or with assistance.

**If you think your voting rights have been violated**, contact Election Protection at 866-687-8683, or Disability Rights North Carolina at 877-235-4210 or 888-268-5535 for TTY. Visit [accessthevotenc.org](http://accessthevotenc.org) to learn more about your voting rights.

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Contact us for assistance or to request this information in an alternate format.

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