

# Voter Registration Information

## Ways to Register To Vote

The three most common ways to register to vote are:

1. Registering electronically via the Arizona Department of Transportation, Motor Vehicle Department (AZMVD). ([A.R.S. § 16-112](#)) [Click here to visit ServiceArizona.com and register online.](#)
2. Registering using the state voter registration form. ([A.R.S. § 16-152](#)) [Click here to view the state paper form.](#)
3. Registering using the National Mail Voter Registration Form prescribed by the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (the "Federal Form"). ([52 U.S.C. § 20505\(a\)\(1\)](#); [52 U.S.C. § 20508\(a\)\(2\)](#)) [Click here to view the federal form.](#)

## Voter Registration Requirements

Who can register to vote? A person is qualified to register to vote in Arizona if the person:

- Is a United States citizen;
- Will be 18 years old by the date of the next general election;
- Will have been an Arizona resident for at least 29 days prior to the next election;
- Can write their name (or make their mark), unless prevented from doing so by physical disability;
- Has not been convicted of treason or a felony, unless their civil rights have been restored; and
- Has not been found mentally incapacitated by a court.

[\(A.R.S. § 16-101\)](#)

## Citizenship Requirement

Only U.S. citizens are eligible to register to vote.

- U.S. citizenship must be sworn to when registering to vote.
- Documentary proof of citizenship (DPOC) is required to be registered as a "full-ballot" voter. A "full-ballot" voter is entitled to vote for all federal, state, county, and local races as well as state and local ballot measures for which the voter qualifies.
- An eligible registrant who does not submit DPOC and whose U.S. citizenship cannot be verified via AZMVD records or other record in the statewide voter registration database is registered as a "federal-only" voter. A "federal-only" voter is eligible to vote solely in races for federal office in Arizona (including the Presidential Preference Election (PPE)).

[Ariz. Const. Art. VII, § 2](#); [A.R.S. § 16-101\(A\)](#); [18 U.S.C. § 611\(a\)](#).

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## **"Federal-Only" Voter Designation**

U.S. citizenship must be sworn to when registering to vote. Only U.S. citizens may register to vote in Arizona.

If a registrant does not provide documentary proof of citizenship (DPOC) with their registration application and/or it cannot be electronically acquired via AZMVD records or from the statewide voter registration database (and the registrant is not shown to have an F-Type license), a County Recorder must:

1. Designate the registrant as a "federal-only" voter; and
2. Send a letter to the registrant within 10 business days, informing the registrant that:
  - They have not satisfied the DPOC requirements; and
  - They must submit DPOC to become a "full-ballot" voter, and must provide DPOC by 5:00 p.m. on the Thursday before any given election in order to vote a "full-ballot" in that election; and
  - They will remain a "federal-only" voter until they submit valid DPOC to become a "full-ballot" voter.

In order to receive a "full-ballot" for a given election, the voter must provide DPOC to the County Recorder no later than 5:00 p.m. on the Thursday before the upcoming Election Day.

If DPOC is given after that deadline, the voter will be registered for a "full-ballot" for future elections.

## **Residency Requirements**

The voter registration deadline is 29 days before Election Day. You must be registered to vote at your current residence.

## **Registration Deadline**

The deadline to register to vote is 29 days before Election Day. A.R.S. § 16-120(A).

A registrant who registers to vote after the deadline will be eligible to vote in future elections. For example, a person who registers less than 29 days before the primary election is not eligible to vote in the primary election but is eligible to vote in the general election. See A.R.S. § 16-120(A).

If the 29-day registration deadline falls on a weekend or state holiday, the registration deadline is extended to the next business day for state government. A.R.S. § 16-120(B).

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## **Required Information on Voter Registration Forms**

A State, Federal, FPCA, and FWAB Form must contain the following minimum information to be considered complete:

- Full Legal Name
- Residential address or description of location
- Date of birth (DOB)
- Signature (or in cases of physical disability, the signature of a person who helped complete the form on the registrant's behalf)
- Affirmation of citizenship, this is a checkbox the form
- If the registrant possesses an AZDL/ID# or Social Security number (SSN), the registrant's AZDL/ID# or last four digits of the SSN (SSN4) should be provided as well.

## **Political Party Preference**

A registrant may select a political party preference:

- Republican: "Republican," "Rep," "GOP," or any substantially similar designation
- Democratic: "Democratic," "Democrat," "Dem," or any substantially similar designation
- Libertarian: "Libertarian," "LBT," or any substantially similar designation
- Green: "Green," "GRN," or any substantially similar designation
- Independent: "Independent," "IND," or any substantially similar designation
- Other: Any other non-recognized political party
- PND: "Party Not Designated," "PND," "No Preference," "Unaffiliated," "No Party," "None," or any substantially similar designation

If a new registrant leaves the political party preference field blank, the registrant's party preference will be "Party Not Designated" or "PND."

If an existing registrant leaves the political party preference field blank, however, the registrant's existing political party preference will remain, and no changes will be made. Registrants who are designated as Green, Independent, Other, or Party Not Designated will all be treated as though they have no political party as none of these are recognized parties at the state level