Acceptable Photo ID Includes One of the Following:

- An expired or current MI Driver's License or MI personal ID card. This is the only type of ID that may be expired. All others must be current.
- A Driver's License or personal ID card issued by another state.
- A U.S. Passport.
- A Federal, State or local government-issued photo ID.
- A Military Photo ID card.
- A Tribal Photo ID card.
- A Student Photo ID card issued by an education institution.

If you do NOT have an acceptable Photo ID, or do NOT have an acceptable Photo ID with you at the time you vote, you can sign a simple AFFIDAVIT form and vote a regular ballot.

Accessibility

- Every Polling Location must have a Voter Assist Terminal (VAT) that has many options to help you vote. You have the right to ask for assistance from election workers.
- If you have a concern about accessibility on Election Day, you should contact your clerk's office prior to that day.
- You may bring someone with you to help with language or accessibility who is NOT your employer, an agent of your employer, or an officer/ agent of your Union.

How to Get Information or Help

- **Michiganvoting.org** in English, Spanish & Arabic.
- Michigan Voter Information Center - **mi.gov/vote**.
- Your Local Township or County Clerk's Office.
- The League of Women Voters, ACLU, NAACP or other voter advocacy groups.
- **VOTE411.org** - **<http://vote411.org/>** Online NONPARTISAN Voter Guide; *What's On Your Ballot*.
- **Election Protection Hotlines:** Visit this website: 866OURVOTE.org. 866-OUR-VOTE (English); 866-687-8683; 888-VE-Y-VOTA (Spanish); 888-839-8682; 844-YALLA-US (Arabic); 844-925-5287; 888-API-VOTE (Asian Languages); 888-274-8683.

If the phone lines aren't open, voters can leave a message.

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How Do I Register to Vote?

You can register to vote if:

- You are a U.S. Citizen.
- You are (or will be) a resident of Michigan and the city or township where you want to register to vote for at least 30 days by Election Day.
- You are 17.5 yrs. old (you must be 18 yrs. old to vote).
- You are not serving a sentence in jail or prison.

You can pre-register to vote if:

- You are at least 16 yrs. old but less than 17.5 yrs. old and meet all of the other qualifications listed above.

When can I register?

1. Prior to the 14th day before an election.
   - In person at any Secretary of State office or at your city or township clerk's office. To find your clerk, go to **mi.gov/vote**.
   - By mail when completing a voter registration application and mailing it to your local clerk.
   - Online at **mi.gov/vote**.
   - When applying for services at state agencies that provide public assistance or services to people with disabilities.
2. From the 14th day and through Election Day at 8 p.m. (last 2 weeks before the election and on Election Day).
   - In person at your city or township clerk's office with proof of residency.

Am I already registered? You can check at **mi.gov/vote**.

What if I'm a student?

- You can register to vote either at your school address or your home address.
- Michigan requires your voter address and License/State ID address to match. If you already have a Michigan Driver's License or State ID and you register to vote at a different address, you will receive a change of address sticker to affix to your License/State ID.

What if I'm incarcerated or have been convicted of a crime?

- Only persons who are currently incarcerated and serving a sentence CANNOT vote.
- If you are in jail awaiting trial or sentencing, you CAN STILL VOTE.
- You can register and vote if you are on probation or parole.
- Your right to vote is automatically restored when you are released from incarceration after serving your sentence. However, it will be restored to the address where you were previously registered to vote. For many, voting will require you to update your registration.

What if I'm homeless?

If you don't have a home, you can register to vote using a street corner, park, shelter or any other place where you usually stay as your address.

Michigan Has Two Options to Vote Early

- At an Early Voting Site prior to Election Day.
- By using an Absentee Voter Ballot prior to Election Day.

What is EARLY VOTING?

Early Voting is the opportunity to cast a ballot in person at an Early Voting Site before Election Day. For voters, the early voting experience will be similar to the experience of voting at a polling place on Election Day and will include feeding their completed ballot into the tabulator.

What is ABSENTEE VOTING?

Absentee Voting is the process of requesting a ballot from your city or township clerk by using an Absentee Ballot Application. After completing the absentee ballot, you can return the ballot to your city or township clerk, either in person, in a secure ballot drop box or by mail.
You can also return your completed absentee ballot to an Early Voting Site by checking in with the election workers, then inserting your ballot into the tabulator.

When does my Absentee Ballot need to be turned in?

MOST VOTERS: By 8 p.m. on Election Day.
MILITARY & OVERSEAS VOTERS: Within six days of the election as long as it is postmarked by Election Day.

What is a Ballot Drop Box?

A Ballot Drop Box is a secure, locked structure that voters can use to return completed Absentee Ballot Applications and Voted Absentee Ballots. You can only use the Drop Boxes that are located in the city or township where you live.

What is the Permanent Mail Ballot List?

You can sign up to be placed on the Permanent Mail Ballot List by completing an Absentee Ballot Application. By joining this list, you DO NOT NEED to complete an Absentee Ballot Application for each election.

What are the Photo ID Requirements to Vote?

YOU DO NOT NEED A PHOTO ID TO VOTE IN MICHIGAN.
You will be asked to provide a Photo ID when you arrive to vote either at the clerk's office by Absentee Ballot, at an Early Voting Site or at your Polling Location on Election Day. If you have an acceptable Photo ID with you, you MUST show it when asked.