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Note: This FAQ is not exhaustive. Situations or inquiries may arise that are not answered below. In those circumstances, contact your hotline captain or command center for assistance. Please make sure to record all of the voter’s contact information should follow-up be necessary.

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1. Am I registered to vote?

You can determine whether a voter is registered to vote by contacting the voter’s County Clerk’s office. Contact information for each County Clerk’s office can be found on the Wyoming Secretary of State’s website at [https://soswy.state.wy.us/Elections/Docs/WYCountyClerks.pdf](https://soswy.state.wy.us/Elections/Docs/WYCountyClerks.pdf).

2. Where do I vote?

You can determine a voter’s proper polling place by checking the “Polling Place Locator” on the Wyoming Secretary of State’s website at [http://soswy.state.wy.us/Elections/PollPlace/Default.aspx](http://soswy.state.wy.us/Elections/PollPlace/Default.aspx) or by contacting the voter’s County Clerk’s office. The location of polling places will also be published in a newspaper of general circulation in each county within 2 weeks of the election. If a voter has moved recently and has not updated their voter registration, refer to **Question #6**.

3. When do the polls open and close?
The polls must be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.\(^2\) If you are a hotline volunteer or a field volunteer and a polling place is not open at 7:00 a.m., advise voters to stay at the polling location and contact your hotline captain/command center. Persons present and waiting to vote at 7:00 p.m. must be permitted to vote.\(^3\) If you are a hotline volunteer or a field volunteer and a polling place prohibits those who were present and waiting at 7:00 p.m. from voting, advise voters to stay at the polling location and contact your hotline captain/command center.

4. When is/was the voter registration deadline?

Voters seeking to register prior to the election must do so no less than 14 days prior to the date of the election. For the August 18, 2020 primary election, this deadline is August 3, 2020. For the November 3, 2020 general election, this deadline is October 19, 2020.

Wyoming also has Election Day registration, meaning Wyoming voters may register at their polling place on Election Day so long as they provide acceptable identification, as discussed below.\(^4\)

5. Can I vote without providing identification?

Yes. A voter is not required to show identification if the voter previously registered in person, or if the voter registered by mail provided the voter has previously voted in a Wyoming federal election.\(^5\)

If the voter registered by mail and this is the voter’s first federal election, the voter must provide a current, valid photo ID or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check or other government document showing the voter’s name and address.\(^6\) If a voter is unable to show proper identification, the voter may vote by provisional ballot.\(^7\)

Voters attempting to register on Election Day without proper identification may also vote by provisional ballot.\(^8\) Please note that your ballot will only be counted if you prove to the County Clerk that you are a valid resident by the close of business on the day following the election.\(^9\)

6. I have moved and I didn’t update my voter registration, can I vote?

If a voter has moved, the voter should update the voter’s registration information with the voter’s County Clerk prior to Election Day. The voter should provide the voter’s name, address, precinct, social security number (optional), and nature of the change.\(^10\)

If the voter did not update the voter’s registration information, the answer depends on where the voter moved. Refer to the table below.

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7. **What should I do if there are equipment problems at my precinct?**

Voters should immediately notify the election officers if the voting equipment breaks down while the polls are open. If repair or replacement of the voting machine is not possible, a voter should request a paper-ballot (preferably) or provisional ballot (as a last resort).

If you are a hotline volunteer and learn of equipment not working properly at a polling place, notify your hotline captain, who will notify a voting machine expert or speak with election officials.

If you are a field volunteer at a polling place and the equipment is not working properly, notify the command center, which will notify a voting machine expert.

8. **I am a registered voter who is not on the rolls at the precinct where I currently am. Can I vote where I am?**

Laramie and Teton counties have adopted the “vote center” model where all voters registered in the county may vote at any vote center, regardless of the precinct in which the voter resides. Voters in other counties can contact their County Clerk to learn if their county follows this model. You can find the contact information for your County Clerk by visiting [https://soswy.state.wy.us/Elections/Docs/WYCountyClerks.pdf](https://soswy.state.wy.us/Elections/Docs/WYCountyClerks.pdf).

If the voter’s county does not use vote centers and the voter does not appear on the rolls at the voter’s precinct, but is a registered voter, check for the voter’s correct polling place using the Wyoming Polling Place Locator at [http://soswy.state.wy.us/Elections/PollPlace/Default.aspx](http://soswy.state.wy.us/Elections/PollPlace/Default.aspx). If the voter does not appear on the Locator, the voter can re-register at the correct precinct on Election Day, or request a provisional ballot, which should be a last resort. See Questions 9 and 11.

9. **My name isn’t popping up on the list of registered voters – could it have been removed?**

If a voter’s right to vote is challenged on the ground that the voter’s name is not on the list of registered voters, the voter may vote if an election judge obtains verification from the County Clerk that the voter is entitled to vote within that county.

In addition, Wyoming has Election Day registration. A voter can register to vote on Election Day at the appropriate polling place and vote.

You can take steps to determine why a voter’s name is not popping up on the list of registered voters:

- Check the voter’s registration status using the registration lookup tool to make sure the voter is registered to vote and at the right place. (see Question #1)
- Has the voter moved recently? Could the voter be registered at an old address? Check the address in the registration lookup tool. (see Question #1 and Question #6)
- Has the voter changed his or her name recently, or could the voter be registered under a different name? Check that name (and any variations of the voter’s name, especially for hyphenated names, which sometimes trip up databases) in the registration lookup tool. (see Question #1)
- When/where did the voter register to vote? Was that before the deadline?

10. I have a criminal conviction. Can I vote?

Yes, provided the voter’s criminal conviction was not a felony. If a voter’s criminal conviction was a felony, the voter’s rights must be restored before the voter will be eligible to vote. The Department of Corrections will restore voting rights to a non-violent felon if the individual has not been convicted of any additional felonies (other than convictions arising out of the same occurrence) and if that individual has completed the entire sentence (including probation or parole).

Voting rights will automatically be restored to non-violent felons discharged from custody on or after January 1, 2010. Non-violent felons discharged prior to January 1, 2010 must apply to have voting rights restored. Voting rights may also be restored at the discretion of the Governor, following a written application, provided the applicant’s sentence or probation has been completed.

You can find more information on voting rights restoration, as well as the application for voting rights restoration on the Wyoming Department of Corrections website at https://sites.google.com/a/wyo.gov/doc/home/restoration-of-voting-rights.

11. I have been offered a provisional ballot. What should I do?

Inquire why the voter was offered a provisional ballot. A voter should be offered a provisional ballot only when:

- The voter lacks the proof required to show the voter is eligible to vote at the voter’s chosen location;
- The voter’s right to vote has been challenged; or
- The polls have been kept open after 7:00 p.m. by court order or by Emergency Directive of the Secretary of State.

Other than for these reasons, the voter should be able to cast a regular ballot. A provisional ballot is a last resort and is rarely used because Wyoming has Election Day registration. The voter should be encouraged to register and vote at the voter’s precinct.

If the voter needs to cast a provisional ballot, the provisional voting form should instruct voters how, when, and where the voter must provide documentation showing the voter’s eligibility to vote in the precinct, as well as how and when to determine if a ballot was counted by the County Canvassing Board.

A provisional ballot will only be counted if the ballot is later determined to be valid. The voter must present documentation showing the voter’s eligibility to register to vote to the County Clerk by the close of business the day following the election.

12. I am a college student. Can I register to vote where I go to school?
Yes, provided the voter establishes “residence” in Wyoming and meets the other qualifications of voter registration (i.e., the voter is a citizen of the United States, 18 years old or older, not mentally incompetent, and has no felony convictions). For voting purposes, the voter’s “residence” is where the voter has a current habitation and where the voter intends to return when absent.

13. I am physically disabled and need assistance. Will my polling place be accessible?

Yes, federal and Wyoming law require each polling place to be accessible to physically-disabled voters. Additionally, there should be voting equipment at every polling place to accommodate voters with disabilities (including non-visual accessibility for the blind and visually impaired so they may vote without assistance). If your specific disability is not accommodated, you should contact the County Clerk.

If your polling place is not accessible to the handicapped, contact Wyoming’s Protection & Advocacy for Voter Access Program at 307-632-2682 or 877-249-6167 (http://www.wypanda.com).

14. I am blind, physically disabled, or cannot read English and require assistance in order to vote. Can I get assistance at the polls?

Yes. Any voter who needs assistance is entitled to have the person of the voter’s choosing mark the voter’s selections or assist the voter in marking the voter’s selections on the ballot. The only individuals prohibited from assisting the voter are the voter’s employer, an agent of the voter’s employer, and any officer or agent of the voter’s union.

15. I don’t know how to use the voting equipment. Can I get help?

Yes. Before entering the voting booth, a voter may summon two poll workers of different political parties to instruct the voter on use of the machine. The poll workers may not remain in the booth after the voter has entered.

16. Can I vote absentee or vote in person before Election Day?

Yes. Any voter may vote by absentee ballot without giving a reason. Voters can apply for an absentee ballot any time during the calendar year in which the election is held, but not on Election Day. Absentee voting starts 40 days prior to an election. Absentee ballots can be returned in person or by mail and must be received by the County Clerk no later than 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. Any ballots received after the polls close will not be counted. Early Voting is also available in Wyoming. An individual may vote in person using an absentee ballot beginning 40 days before the election and ending on Election Day. At early voting sites, an individual can vote any precinct’s ballot for that county. Check with the voter’s County Clerk’s office for the exact times and locations.

17. What if I requested an absentee ballot but I want to vote in person on Election Day?
If the voter received an absentee ballot, the voter should use that ballot to vote and must deliver it to the County Clerk by 7 p.m. on Election Day (it must be received by then, not postmarked). If the absentee ballot was spoiled or the voter did not receive it, check with the voter’s County Clerk’s office as far in advance as possible.

18. Does my state have Same Day Registration? If so, what is the process?

Yes, Wyoming has Election Day registration. A voter can register in person at the voter’s polling place on Election Day. Please make sure the voter is at the correct polling place. If the voter cannot provide a Wyoming driver’s license number, the voter can provide the last four digits of the voter’s Social Security Number. If the voter cannot provide either of the above, the voter must provide some type of documentation proving the voter lives within the precinct.

Anyone who attempts to register on Election Day but lacks the required proof of identification must be offered a provisional ballot. The voter must present documentation of the voter’s eligibility to register and vote to the County Clerk by the close of business on the day following Election Day.

19. What rules apply to people campaigning or “hanging around” my polling place? Can people approach me?

Campaigning is allowed more than 100 yards from a polling place on Election Day. This includes the display of campaign signs, passing out campaign literature, soliciting signatures, and polling voters. Campaigning is not allowed within 100 yards of a polling place on Election Day. Creating disorder or disrupting any polling place is prohibited. Intimidating voters by inducing fear through threats of force, violence, harm, loss, or economic retaliation is illegal and will be prosecuted. Whether the individual can carry out any threats is irrelevant.

No laws or rules against taking ballot selfies exist in Wyoming, but it is discouraged because a voter’s personal information could be compromised. Election judges have the right to ask anyone to stop taking photographs if that person is taking too long or impeding the voting process.

20. Someone is formally challenging my right to vote. What do I do?

Any person may challenge an individual’s eligibility to vote based on the following grounds:

- The individual is not a qualified voter;
- The individual is not entitled to vote in the precinct;
- The individual’s name does not appear on the poll list and the individual cannot meet the requirements to register at the polls;
- The individual is not the person the individual is representing; or
- The individual has already voted.

If the challenged voter’s name does not appear on the poll list, the challenged voter will be able to vote by regular ballot if an election judge verifies the challenged voter is entitled to vote in that county with the County Clerk. If the challenge is not resolved, the election judge will offer the challenged voter a provisional ballot. The challenged voter may vote by provisional ballot if the challenged voter submits a written oath before the election judge. The challenged voter may present evidence establishing eligibility to the County Clerk until the close of business the day after the election. The provisional ballot will only
be counted after the challenged voter presents this documentation to the County Clerk within one day after the election.42

21. Can I vote in the primary election?

The presidential primary in Wyoming is “closed,” meaning that voters must be registered members of the party holding the primary to vote in the primary. Wyoming law allows voters to change their party affiliation at the polling place on Election Day. Unaffiliated voters will receive a primary ballot containing only nonpartisan candidates.43

5 Wyo. Stat. § 22-3-118(a).
6 Wyo. Stat. § 22-3-118(b); Wyo. Stat. § 22-3-118(c).
7 Wyo. Stat. § 22-3-118(d).
8 Wyo. Stat. § 22-3-104(g).
10 Wyo. Stat. § 22-3-114.
16 Wyo. Stat. § 22-3-118(d).
20 Wyo. Stat. § 22-3-118(d).
32 Wyo. Stat. § 22-9-123.
33 Wyo. Stat. § 22-3-104(h)(i).
35 Wyo. Stat. § 22-3-104(g).