

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Nevada – General Election 2024

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If a voter meets the below guidelines, they are eligible to register to vote in Nevada.

- Be at least 18 years of age on or before Election Day;
- Be a U.S. citizen;
- Be a resident of Nevada for 30 days preceding any election (and a resident of the precinct for 10 days preceding the election);
- Not currently serving a term of imprisonment for a felony; and/or
- Not have been declared by a court to be mentally incompetent.

If a person will be 18 years old and will have met the residency requirement at the time of the election, they are also eligible to register to vote. Individuals who are 17 years old and meet all the other qualifications to register to vote can pre-register to vote using any of the means available to register to vote. A person who has pre-registered to vote automatically becomes a registered voter on their 18th birthday unless the pre-registration has been canceled.<sup>1</sup>

2. **PRIMARY ELECTION:** [Can I vote in the primary election? Do I need to be registered with a political party? Can I change my party registration to vote in another party's primary election? When I voted, the poll worker asked my party affiliation. Are they allowed to do that?](#)

Any Nevada resident who will be 18 years old on the date of the primary election and who has resided in Nevada and in the county where he/she is voting for at least 30 days may vote in the primary election.<sup>2</sup> Nevada has "closed" primaries, which means that you must be registered with a political party to vote in the party's primary election and may only vote for the candidates from the party with which you have registered (and nonpartisan offices).<sup>3</sup> A voter who is not registered with a political party may only vote for nonpartisan offices.<sup>4</sup> There is no prohibition on poll workers asking your party affiliation, so long as they do not attempt to encourage or coerce you to vote in a certain way.

See [Question 82](#) for notes on the Presidential caucus and primary.

3. **STATUS:** [Am I registered to vote?](#)

Voters can verify their voter registration status at the Nevada Secretary of State's website [here](#).<sup>5</sup> Once on the website, voters must enter their: (i) first name; (ii) last name; (iii) date of birth; and (iv) Nevada driver's license or ID Card number **OR** last 4 digits of their social security number.

4. **HOW:** [How do I register to vote? Can I register online? Do I need a printer? Can I register to vote in person?](#)

Eligible voters (see [Question 1](#)) can register to vote online, by mail, or in person.

*Online:* Voters can register to vote online using the Nevada Secretary of State's website [here](#).<sup>6</sup> In addition to initial voter registration, voters may also update existing voter registration, including change of address and party affiliation.

However, to register online, the voter **must** have either a Nevada Driver's License or NV Identification Card. If the voter does not have any of these, they may register by mail or in person.

*By mail:* If a person wishes to mail in their voter registration form, they will need to print and complete a State of Nevada Voter Registration Application available on the Nevada Secretary of State's website

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<sup>1</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§ 293.485, 293.4855 . See also <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/election-resources/faqs>.

<sup>2</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.485.

<sup>3</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.257.

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.nvsos.gov/votersearch/>.

<sup>6</sup> <https://registertovote.nv.gov/SOSVoterServices/registration/step0.aspx>.

[here](#).<sup>7</sup> Once the form is complete, the voter must mail the application to their [County Clerk/Registrar of Voters](#).<sup>8</sup>

*In person:* Voters can also register to vote in-person at any NV Department of Motor Vehicles office, at their county clerk or registrar of voter's office, at various social service agencies, military recruitment offices, and on college campuses.<sup>9</sup>

*Same day:* Voters may also register in-person at a polling location during early voting or on election day (see [Question 7](#)).

Detailed instructions for mail and in-person voter registration are available on the Nevada Secretary of State's website [here](#).<sup>10</sup>

Once a voter is registered, the voter will receive a voter registration card by mail from the County Clerk / Registrar of Voters. Voters will also receive a sample ballot prior to the primary and general elections.<sup>11</sup>

A voter who does not receive their voter registration card or sample ballot should contact their [City Clerk](#)<sup>12</sup> or [County Clerk/Registrar of Voters](#)<sup>13</sup> to verify that their application was received and processed.

#### 5. **IDENTIFICATION:** What ID is required to register to vote?

To register to vote *online*, the voter must use either a current and valid Driver's License or Identification Card issued by the Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles.

Registration by *mail*: Nevada residents who don't have a Nevada driver's license or DMV ID card should fill out a *paper* voter registration application because that form allows them to use the last four digits of their social security number, or to confirm they do not have that either. If a person does not have any of the listed IDs, an election official will contact them for more information.

Registration *in person*: Nevada residents who register in person at a polling place during early voting or on Election Day must have the required ID (see [Question 7](#)).

#### 6. **DEADLINES:** When is/was the voter registration deadline? Are there different deadlines whether I register by mail, in-person, online or on Election Day?

*Online registration deadline:* There is no deadline to register to vote online in Nevada. Voters can register to vote or update their existing voter registration information online up to and including Election Day. However, if a voter registers to vote online within 14 days of an election (*i.e.*, October 22, 2024 for the November 5, 2024 general election), they will have to vote in person and provide ID following the requirements of same day voter registration to vote in the election (see [Question 7](#)).<sup>14</sup>

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<sup>7</sup> <https://www.nvsos.gov/sosvoterregform/>.

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/voters/county-clerk-contact-information>.

<sup>9</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.504. See also <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/voters/registering-to-vote>.

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/voters/registering-to-vote>.

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/election-resources/faqs>.

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/voters/city-clerk-contact-information>.

<sup>13</sup> <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/voters/county-clerk-contact-information>.

<sup>14</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§ 293.560, 293.5837.

*Mail registration deadline:* The fourth Tuesday preceding the primary election, presidential preference primary election or general election (*i.e.*, October 8, 2024 for the November 5, 2024 general election).<sup>15</sup>

*In person registration deadline:* To register in person at the office of the county clerk, the deadline is the fourth Tuesday preceding the primary election, presidential preference primary election or general election (*i.e.*, October 8, 2024 for the November 5, 2024 general election).<sup>16</sup> However, same day in person registration is available during early voting and on election day (see [Question 7](#)).

#### 7. **SAME DAY:** Does my state have Same Day Registration? If so, what is the process?

Yes, voters can register to vote in person the same day that they vote during early voting and on election day. To register same-day, voters need a valid Nevada driver's license or ID card or Tribal ID (if the Tribal ID meets certain criteria; see detailed requirements [here](#)<sup>17</sup>) and must vote-in person at a polling location.<sup>18</sup> Any other form of identification, including a military ID or passport, cannot be used for same-day registration to prove identity, but may be used to prove residency.

Voters who have a valid Nevada driver's license or DMV ID card but whose address on the ID is not current can still register to vote same-day, but they will need to provide proof of their current residency in addition to a valid Nevada driver's license or DMV ID card. Several types of proof of residency will work, including any of the following:

- A military identification card;
- A utility bill, including, without limitation, a bill for electric, gas, oil, water, sewer, septic, telephone, cellular telephone or cable television service;
- A bank or credit union statement;
- A paycheck;
- An income tax return;
- A statement concerning the mortgage, rental or lease of a residence;
- A motor vehicle registration;
- A property tax statement;
- Any other document issued by a governmental agency; or
- A tribal identification card.<sup>19</sup>

Please note that a voter using same day registration may be given a provisional ballot.<sup>20</sup>

#### 8. **PERMANENT MOVE:** I have moved permanently and I didn't update my voter registration, can I vote?

Yes. If a voter has not updated their address before they wish to vote (see [Question 4](#)) they can update their registration in person during early voting or on election day (see [Question 7](#)).

Voters who have moved within a county in Nevada (but to a different precinct or congressional district) may go to the precinct associated with their old address and vote after providing an oral or written attestation to their new address.<sup>21</sup> Voters who have moved within the same precinct will be permitted to

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<sup>15</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.560.

<sup>16</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.560.

<sup>17</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 237.200; <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/election-information/same-day-registration>.

<sup>18</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.5837; <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/election-information/same-day-registration>.

<sup>19</sup> <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/election-information/same-day-registration>.

<sup>20</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§ 293.5832, 293.5837(5)(b)(3);

<https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/election-information/same-day-registration>.

<sup>21</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.525(1)(a).

cast a ballot after providing an oral or written affirmation of their new address and their new address will be automatically updated in the voter file.<sup>22</sup>

**9. TEMPORARY MOVE: I have moved temporarily. How can I vote?**

A voter who has moved temporarily within the state of Nevada can continue to use their prior permanent residence where they were registered to vote as their address for the purpose of voting.

To ensure the voter's ballot gets mailed to their temporary address, they will need to update the mailing address associated with their voter registration record. This can be done online [here](#).<sup>23</sup>

NOTE: Mail ballots are non-forwardable, meaning they will not be forwarded even if a voter has a mail forwarding service.

**10. STUDENT: I am a college student. Can I register to vote where I go to school? What if I am taking classes remotely? Where can I vote?**

Yes. In Nevada, college students who meet the generally applicable registration requirements (see [Question 1](#)) may register to vote where they attend school using their current campus home address. To establish residency, they must continuously reside in the state and county for 30 days, and in the precinct for 10 days.<sup>24</sup>

Students who have established residency in Nevada but who will be out of state during the election may vote absentee. Students should keep in mind that although they may have residency in multiple counties or states (e.g., their home county or state and the county or state in which they attend school), they can only vote in one place.

Students who have moved temporarily will need to update their mailing address so that they receive their ballot. (See [Question 9](#).)

**11. LIVING ABROAD: I am living abroad and/or serving in the military. How can I register and/or vote?**

If the voter is not otherwise registered to vote in Nevada, there are other registration options for Uniformed or Overseas Citizens ("UOCAVA voters"), defined as members, or their spouses or dependents, of the: (i) active U.S. Armed Forces; (ii) U.S. Armed Forces reserves while on active status; (iii) Merchant Marine; (iv) Commissioned Corps of the Public Health; (v) Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration of the United States; (vi) National Guard or state militia while on active status; (vii) or other U.S. citizens who reside outside the United States. More information is available from the NV SOS [here](#)<sup>25</sup> and the federal FVAP website [here](#).<sup>26</sup>

**Military and Overseas Voters: Registering and Requesting an Absentee Ballot**

A UOCAVA voter can both register and request an absentee ballot by completing and sending a Federal Post Card Application up to and including Election Day. Voters are strongly encouraged to submit

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<sup>22</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.525(1)(b).

<sup>23</sup> <https://registertovote.nv.gov/>.

<sup>24</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.485. See also *Dunn v. Blumstein*, 405 U.S. 330, 330 (1972); *Williams v. Salerno*, 792 F.2d 323, 328 (2d Cir. 1986).

<sup>25</sup> <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/voters/uniformed-overseas-citizens>.

<sup>26</sup> <https://www.fvap.gov/nevada>.



registration and ballot requests at least 7 days before election day to allow for receipt of an official ballot. If a voter does wait until Election Day, it is recommended to use the EASE online registration option discussed below. In all cases, materials are due by the close of polls on election day (*i.e.*, 7 PM on November 5, 2024 for the general election).<sup>27</sup> Voters can register either online or by mail:

**Online Registration:** In Nevada, UOCAVA voters may submit their Federal Post Card Application using Nevada’s online system, Effective Absentee System for Elections (EASE). EASE is an online application that combines voter registration and electronic ballot delivery and marking and can be accessed [here](#).<sup>28</sup> The site is active 45 days before each federal election (*i.e.*, for the November 5, 2024 general election, on and after September 21, 2024) and is available until the close of polls on election day. More information about the EASE system, including a PDF walkthrough, may be found online [here](#).<sup>29</sup>

**By-Mail Registration:** To register by mail rather than online, voters can complete and send a paper Federal Post Card Application [form](#)<sup>30</sup> to their [County Clerk/Registrar of Voters](#).<sup>31</sup>

**Note:** UOCAVA voters must reaffirm their eligibility every election cycle (biennially). To reaffirm eligibility as a UOCAVA voter a FPCA should be resubmitted to the local election office (online or by mail, as discussed above). FPCAs that are submitted for a primary election also act as a request for subsequent federal elections during that election cycle, such as the general election.

**Military and Overseas Voters: Receiving and Voting an Absentee Ballot**

Using the Nevada EASE system to complete a Federal Post Card Application will automatically generate an absentee ballot to mark and return. The ballot may then be downloaded and returned via email, fax, or mail using the instructions provided within the system, or may be automatically transmitted to the clerk’s office within the system by selecting the appropriate option.

Registering with a Federal Post Card Application via mail constitutes a request for an absentee ballot which will be mailed to the voter. Voters will begin to receive their absentee ballots 45 days before the election (*i.e.*, beginning September 21, 2024 for the November 5, 2024 general election). If a UOCAVA voter who opted to vote by mail has not received their ballot at least 10 days before election day (*i.e.*, by October 26, 2024 for the November 5, 2024 general election), they should immediately contact their [County Clerk/Registrar of Voters](#).<sup>32</sup>

If registered in Nevada other than through a Federal Post Card Application (*i.e.*, if a voter registered while residing in Nevada), the voter must contact their [County Clerk/Registrar of Voters](#)<sup>33</sup> to request a ballot.

**Military and Overseas Voters: Back-Up Ballot**

The Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB) is a back-up ballot that can be used by UOCAVA voters who have timely registered and requested a ballot but for whatever reason have not received their ballot. UOCAVA voters who are away from their voting residence for service-related activities can use this back-up whether they are located inside or outside the United States, including APO and FPO addresses.

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<sup>27</sup> *Id.*

<sup>28</sup> <https://NVEASE.gov>.

<sup>29</sup> <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/voters/uniformed-overseas-citizens/ease-overview>.

<sup>30</sup> <https://www.fvap.gov/uploads/FVAP/Forms/fpca.pdf>.

<sup>31</sup> <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/voters/county-clerk-contact-information>.

<sup>32</sup> *Id.*

<sup>33</sup> *Id.*

The FWAB must be received by the voter's local voting officials in Nevada no later than noon on Election Day. For specific instructions, visit the FVAP's Nevada-specific FWAB page [here](#).<sup>34</sup>

**12. CRIMINAL CONVICTION:** [I have a felony criminal conviction. Can I register to vote? Does the type of conviction matter? Are there any restrictions after any misdemeanor convictions?](#)

Check the resources at Campaign Legal [Restore Your Vote](#)<sup>35</sup> for latest information.

In Nevada, a person with a criminal conviction is still eligible to vote.<sup>36</sup> People with felony convictions are eligible to vote once they are released from prison regardless of the category of felony committed or if the felony conviction was in another state or federal court.

NOTE: Although voting *rights* are restored automatically upon release from prison, voters who were convicted of a felony may need to re-register to vote (assuming they are otherwise eligible) if a prior registration was canceled upon conviction.<sup>37</sup>

**13. INCARCERATED:** [I am currently incarcerated. Can I register to vote? Can I vote from jail?](#)

Check the resources at Campaign Legal [Restore Your Vote](#)<sup>38</sup> for latest information.

If the voter is currently serving time in prison for a felony conviction, they will **not** be eligible to vote until they are released from prison.<sup>39</sup>

Otherwise, existing NV law does not prohibit a person who is detained in a county or city jail from registering to vote or voting in an election.<sup>40</sup> Each person who administers a county or city jail is required to establish a policy that ensures that: (1) a person who is detained in the jail and is a registered voter may vote in each primary election, presidential preference primary election, primary city election, general election and general city election in which the person is eligible to vote; and (2) a person detained in the jail and is a qualified elector may register to vote in each such election.<sup>41</sup> The jail must post in a prominent location and set forth in the handbook for detained persons certain information relating to elections and voting in the jail.<sup>42</sup> Each county or city jail must also: (1) provide each person detained in the jail with a reasonable amount of privacy to vote; (2) provide each person detained in the jail with a pen to vote their mail ballot; (3) allow the county clerk to establish a process for the collection of mail ballots in the jail; and (4) allow a person, under certain circumstances, to cure any defect in a signature on a mail ballot.<sup>43</sup>

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<sup>34</sup> <https://www.fvap.gov/nevada>.

<sup>35</sup> <https://campaignlegal.org/restoreyourvote>.

<sup>36</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 213.157; <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/voters/restoration-of-voting-rights-in-nevada>.

<sup>37</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.540(2)(c) states that the county clerk shall cancel the voter registration of a person upon the determination that the person has been convicted of a felony and is currently incarcerated.

<sup>38</sup> <https://campaignlegal.org/restoreyourvote>.

<sup>39</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.540(2)(c).

<sup>40</sup> A.B. 286, 82nd Reg. Session (2023) (Legislative Counsel's Digest, [https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/82nd2023/Bills/AB/AB286\\_EN.pdf](https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/82nd2023/Bills/AB/AB286_EN.pdf)).

<sup>41</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.269971(1).

<sup>42</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.269971(4).

<sup>43</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.269973.

**14. REGISTRATION CHALLENGED:** My registration has been challenged, what should I do?

Nevada does not permit general challenges to a voter's registration. However, a voter's ability to vote may be challenged; see [Question 72](#).

## HOW TO VOTE: ELECTION DAY

**15. HOURS:** When do the polls open/close on Election Day?

On election day, the polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.<sup>44</sup> All voters waiting in line at 7:00 p.m. must be allowed to vote.<sup>45</sup>

**16. POLLING LOCATION:** Where do I vote on Election Day?

Nevadans can vote in person at their assigned polling location or, if their county has vote centers, at any vote center in their county.<sup>46</sup> Voters can find their assigned polling place online using the [voter search](#)<sup>47</sup> or by contacting their [County Clerk/Registrar of Voters](#).<sup>48</sup> There will also be a list of polling places in the voter's sample ballot.<sup>49</sup> Finally, there is a full list available for each [county](#),<sup>50</sup> and [Washoe](#),<sup>51</sup> [Clark](#)<sup>52</sup> and [Douglas](#)<sup>53</sup> counties have vote centers. [Nye](#)<sup>54</sup> county also has two vote centers for the November 5, 2024 general election (but other Nye polling places are precinct-specific). Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, many polling places were moved or consolidated, so voters should always check the latest list provided in their sample ballot or otherwise available as noted above.

If a voter has moved recently and has not updated their voter registration, refer to [Question 8](#) for permanent moves and [Question 9](#) for temporary moves.

**17. TIME OFF WORK:** Is my employer required to give me time off to vote? Is it paid or unpaid?

Nevada law requires employers to provide employees with sufficient time off to vote if it is impracticable for them to do so before or after work. Sufficient time off to vote is defined based on the distance between the employee's place of employment and the employee's designated polling place:

- 1 hour if the distance between the place of such voter's employment and the polling place where such person votes is 2 miles or less;
- 2 hours if the distance is more than 2 miles but not more than 10 miles; and
- 3 hours if the distance is more than 10 miles.

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<sup>44</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.273.

<sup>45</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§ 293.2546(4), 293.305.

<sup>46</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.3072; <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/election-resources/faqs>.

<sup>47</sup> <https://www.nvsos.gov/votersearch/>.

<sup>48</sup> <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/voters/county-clerk-contact-information>.

<sup>49</sup> <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/election-resources/faqs>.

<sup>50</sup> <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/election-information/2024-election-information/2024-voting-locations>.

<sup>51</sup> [https://www.washoecounty.gov/voters/2024-election/vote\\_centers.php](https://www.washoecounty.gov/voters/2024-election/vote_centers.php).

<sup>52</sup> [https://www.clarkcountynv.gov/government/departments/elections/services/vote\\_centers\\_election\\_day\\_voting.php](https://www.clarkcountynv.gov/government/departments/elections/services/vote_centers_election_day_voting.php).

<sup>53</sup> [https://ctr.douglascountynv.gov/elections/voters/where\\_to\\_vote](https://ctr.douglascountynv.gov/elections/voters/where_to_vote).

<sup>54</sup> <https://nyecountynv.gov/DocumentCenter/View/46955/2024-Notice-of-General-Election-PDF>.

Leave to vote must be paid and the employee cannot be disciplined, discharged, or otherwise penalized by their employer for taking leave to vote.<sup>55</sup>

NOTE: employees must request the leave in advance.

**18. CLOSING: What if the polls close when I am already in line?**

All voters waiting in line at 7:00 p.m. must be allowed to vote.<sup>56</sup>

**19. IDENTIFICATION: What identification is required to vote?**

In Nevada, voters do **not** need to present ID if they have already submitted valid ID when registering to vote. There are three situations when ID will be required when voting:

**Situation One:** A voter may be required to present an ID if: (1) this is the voter's first time voting in a federal election in Nevada; and (2) the voter registered either by mail or online; **and** (3) when the voter registered, they did not submit a copy of a valid photo ID, or a copy of a document with their name and address, or their driver's license number or last four digits of their social security number, and an election official was not able to match their driver's license or SSN with existing records.<sup>57</sup>

When this exception applies, any of the following forms of ID are acceptable: a current photo ID, including a Nevada driver's license or non-driver's ID card, which shows the voter's current address; or a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, or government document showing the voter's name and address.<sup>58</sup> These can include an income tax return; mortgage statement, rental or lease agreement; or a property tax statement.<sup>59</sup>

**Situation Two:** If an election board officer determines that the voter's signature on the voter register does not match the signature on the voter registration. In that case, the voter can be identified by any of the following:<sup>60</sup>

- Answering questions from the election board officer about personal data reported on the voter registration.
- Reporting other personal data which verifies their identity.
- Showing their voter registration card, driver's license, DMV identification card, military identification card or any other form of identification issued by a governmental agency which contains the voter's signature and physical description or picture.

**Situation Three:** If the data the voter provided on the voter registration application does not match the data on file at the Department of Motor Vehicles or the Social Security Administration, and the voter did not respond to a letter notifying the voter of the discrepancy.<sup>61</sup> Acceptable forms of identification may include:<sup>62</sup>

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<sup>55</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.463.

<sup>56</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§ 293.2546(4), 293.305.

<sup>57</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§ 293.272, 293.2725.

<sup>58</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.2725(1).

<sup>59</sup> <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/election-resources/faqs>.

<sup>60</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§ 293.285, 293.277.

<sup>61</sup> <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/voters/mail-ballot-voting>.

<sup>62</sup> <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/election-resources/faqs>.

- Current Nevada Drivers' License;
- Current Nevada State Identification Card;
- Rent receipt with pre-printed address;
- Bank statement or pre-printed check;
- Credit card statement;
- Vehicle registration or proof of insurance;
- Government document (tax bill, income information); or
- Current utility bill.

**20. NO IDENTIFICATION: Can I vote without providing identification?**

Yes, in most cases. No additional ID is required if a voter has submitted it with registration before the online registration deadline and before early voting begins. See [Question 19](#) for circumstances where ID is required.

However, if a voter is registering for the first time or updating their existing voter registration within 14 days of an election (*i.e.*, October 22, 2024 for the November 5, 2024 general election), they will have to vote in person and provide ID following the requirements of same day voter registration to vote in the election (see [Question 7](#)).<sup>63</sup>

**21. NOT ON ROLLS AT MY POLLING PLACE: I am at my polling place but am not showing up on the voter registration roll. Can I vote where I am?**

Yes. A poll worker at the voter's polling location will check to see if they are registered. Make sure the poll worker checks the full list of voters and not just the one for that precinct. If the voter is in a county that has vote centers they can vote at any vote center (Washoe, Clark, Douglas, and certain locations in Nye; see [Question 16](#)), but will still only vote for the candidates and issues for their precinct.

If the poll worker can't find the voter's name on the list, they must allow the voter to register to vote using the same-day voter registration process (provided that the voter has the appropriate voter identification; see [Question 7](#).)

**22. GIVEN PROVISIONAL BALLOT: I am being told I have to vote provisionally, what does that mean?**

If a voter is offered a provisional ballot after participating in the same-day voter registration process, they should fill out the ballot, as it will be counted once their new registration is verified.<sup>64</sup>

If a voter is offered a provisional ballot other than because they participated in same-day voter registration, the voter should inquire why the voter must vote by provisional ballot. The only reasons why a voter should be required to vote by provisional ballot are:

- The voter's name did not appear as an eligible voter in that election in that jurisdiction or an election official asserts that the person is not eligible to vote in that election in that jurisdiction<sup>65</sup>
- The voter is required to show identification but cannot provide any of the forms of identification. (See [Question 19](#).)<sup>66</sup>

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<sup>63</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§ 293.560, 293.5837.

<sup>64</sup> <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/election-information/same-day-registration>.

<sup>65</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.3081(1).

<sup>66</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.3081(2).

- The voter declares that, as a result of a court order extending the time established for the closing of polls, they are entitled to vote after the polling place would normally close.<sup>67</sup>

Other than for these reasons, the voter should be able to cast a regular ballot. If the voter must cast a provisional ballot, make sure the voter is in the right precinct for their current address.<sup>68</sup>

There are circumstances, outside of same-day voter registration, where provisional ballots are not counted. For example, the voter registered online but the process was incomplete because they did not provide proof of identity and did not bring identification to the polling site to complete the process. In these circumstances, the voter will be offered a provisional ballot which will only be counted once the registrar verifies their eligibility to vote. If they are unable to do so, the provisional ballot will not be counted.

**Voting provisionally should only be used as a LAST RESORT. Try to exhaust all other ballot options before voting provisionally.**

### 23. REQUESTING PROVISIONAL BALLOT: I am being told I can't vote, can I vote provisionally?

Yes, a voter may request a provisional ballot if they don't have the required identification or if they think they're registered to vote but their name isn't on the rolls at their polling place.

**Voting provisionally should only be used as a LAST RESORT. Try to exhaust all other ballot options before voting provisionally.**

If the voter must cast a provisional ballot, make sure the voter is in the right precinct for their current address, because a provisional ballot will not be counted if it is determined that the voter cast the wrong ballot for the address at which they resides.<sup>69</sup> (Reminder: voters in Clark, Douglas and Washoe counties may vote at any polling location and Nye county has two such vote centers; see [Question 16](#)). See [Question 22](#) for additional requirements for provisional ballots.

A provisional ballot will only be counted once the registrar verifies a voter's eligibility to vote. If the registrar is unable to do so, the provisional ballot will not be counted.<sup>70</sup>

### 24. PROVISIONAL BALLOT NEXT STEPS: I voted a provisional ballot, what now?

If a voter casts a provisional ballot, the voter will receive a unique identification number which they can use to verify that the ballot was counted, or if the vote was not counted, the reason why it was not.<sup>71</sup> After casting a provisional ballot, voters may call the Nevada provisional ballot hotline at (877) 766-8683. A voter may also check the status of their ballot [online](#).<sup>72</sup> Provisional Ballot Status information is available beginning on the eighth day after the election and is available for 30 days.<sup>73</sup>

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<sup>67</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.3081(3).

<sup>68</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.3085(4).

<sup>69</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.3085(4).

<sup>70</sup> <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/voters/provisional-voting>.

<sup>71</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.3082(2)(a).

<sup>72</sup> <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/voters/provisional-voting>.

<sup>73</sup> *Id.*

A voter who casts a provisional ballot because their name did not appear as an eligible voter in that election in that jurisdiction or an election official asserts that the person is not eligible to vote in that election in that jurisdiction will be required to provide the required ID to the county or city clerk by 5:00 p.m. on the Friday following election day (*i.e.*, November 8, 2024 for the November 5, 2024 general election) or their provisional ballot will not be counted.<sup>74</sup>

A voter who casts a provisional ballot because they did not present the required ID will also be required to provide the ID to the county clerk by 5:00 p.m. on the Friday following election day (*i.e.*, November 8, 2024 for the November 5, 2024 general election) or their provisional ballot will not be counted.<sup>75</sup>

## **HOW TO VOTE: IN-PERSON EARLY** **VOTING**

**(in this state defined as: Early Voting by Personal Appearance)**

**25. AVAILABILITY:** Is there early voting in my state (whether called early voting or in person absentee voting)?

Yes.<sup>76</sup>

**26. ELIGIBILITY:** Do I have to have a reason to vote early?

No. Any registered voter may vote early.<sup>77</sup>

**27. WHEN:** When does early voting begin/end?

Early voting starts on the third Saturday preceding a primary or general election and extends through the Friday before election day, excluding Sundays and federal holidays (*i.e.*, October 19, 2024 through November 1, 2024 for the November 5, 2024 general election).<sup>78</sup>

The polls open and close at different times depending on the voter's county, polling location, and the day of the week, but permanent polling places for early voting are required to be open at least 8 hours per day on weekdays and at least four hours per day on Saturdays.<sup>79</sup> Voters should check the Nevada Secretary of State's [website](#)<sup>80</sup> or contact their [County Clerk/Registrar of Voters](#)<sup>81</sup> for their county's polling locations and hours.

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<sup>74</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.3082(1)(h)(5).

<sup>75</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.3082(1)(i).

<sup>76</sup> <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/election-information/2024-election-information>.

<sup>77</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.356.

<sup>78</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.3568;

<https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/election-information/2024-election-information>.

<sup>79</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.3568(3).

<sup>80</sup> <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/election-information/2024-election-information/2024-voting-locations>.

<sup>81</sup> <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/voters/county-clerk-contact-information>.

**28. WHERE:** *Where do I vote during early voting?*

There are typically several early voting locations in each county. Voters should check the Nevada Secretary of State's [website](#)<sup>82</sup> or contact their [County Clerk/Registrar of Voters](#)<sup>83</sup> for their county's polling locations and hours.

**29. IDENTIFICATION:** *What identification is required for early voting? What if I don't have an ID?*

In Nevada, voters do **not** need to present ID if they have already submitted valid ID when registering to vote. There are three scenarios when ID *is required*. See [Question 19](#) for those ID requirements.

If a voter doesn't have the required identification, they may request a provisional ballot. See [Question 22](#).

**30. ASSISTANCE:** *What if I need assistance voting early in person?*

Persons voting early in person have the same rights to accessible polling places and assistance in voting as on Election Day. See "Accessibility/Assistance" beginning with [Question 76](#).

## **HOW TO VOTE: VOTE BY MAIL**

**(in this state defined as: Mail Ballot Voting)**

**31. AUTOMATIC MAIL BALLOT:** *Will I automatically be sent a ballot in the mail?*

Yes, all active voters who are registered to vote no later than 14 days before election day (*i.e.*, October 22, 2024 for the November 5, 2024 general election) will be automatically sent a mail ballot to their registered address whether or not they requested one, unless they chose to opt-out.<sup>84</sup> Voters can request to opt-out of receiving the ballot in the mail by submitting a form [online](#)<sup>85</sup> or mailing/delivering a form (available in [English](#),<sup>86</sup> [Spanish](#),<sup>87</sup> or [Tagalog](#)<sup>88</sup>) to their county clerk at least 60 days before election day (*i.e.*, September 6, 2024 for the November 5, 2024 general election).<sup>89</sup> Voters who opt-out may vote in person during early voting or on election day.

The mailing of ballots to active voters will begin no later than 20 days before election day for in-state voters (*i.e.*, October 16, 2024 for the November 5, 2024 general election) and no later than 40 days before election day for out of state voters (*i.e.*, September 26, 2024 for the November 5, 2024 general election).<sup>90</sup> If a voter registers after the date above but at least 14 days before election day, the ballot will

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<sup>82</sup> <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/election-information/2024-election-information/2024-voting-locations>.

<sup>83</sup> <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/voters/county-clerk-contact-information>.

<sup>84</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.269911.

<sup>85</sup> <https://www.nvsos.gov/votersearch/>.

<sup>86</sup> <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/home/showpublisheddocument?id=9833>.

<sup>87</sup> <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/home/showpublisheddocument/12797/638478220352670000>.

<sup>88</sup> <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/home/showpublisheddocument/12795/638412778283570000>.

<sup>89</sup> <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/election-information/2024-election-information>.

<sup>90</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.269911(5)(a).



be mailed no later than 13 days before the election (*i.e.*, October 23, 2024 for the November 5, 2024 general election).<sup>91</sup>

**32. ELIGIBILITY:** Do I need a specific reason to vote by mail?

No. All registered voters will typically receive a ballot by mail (see [Question 31](#)).

**33. APPLICATION DEADLINE:** What is the deadline for requesting a mail-in ballot?

Voters do not need to separately request a mail-in ballot because all registered voters will typically receive a ballot by mail (see [Question 31](#)).

If the voter's current mailing address is different from their registered address, they should complete an [Absent Ballot Request Form](#)<sup>92</sup> and submit it to their [County Clerk/Registrar of Voters](#)<sup>93</sup> at least 14 days before election day (*i.e.*, October 22, 2024 for the November 5, 2024 general election).

If the voter did not register at least 14 days before election day, they can still register in-person at a polling location during early voting or on election day (see [Question 7](#)).

**34. APPLICATION ASSISTANCE:** Can someone assist me with filling out the application?

The Nevada Legislature explicitly notes that Nevada voters have the right to request assistance in voting, if necessary, although no reference is made to the registration application.<sup>94</sup>

**35. APPLICATION RETURN:** How do I submit my mail-in ballot application? Can someone return it for me? Does it have to be postmarked by a specific date?

Voters do not need to separately request a mail-in ballot because all registered voters will typically receive a ballot by mail (see [Question 31](#)).

**36. IDENTIFICATION:** Are there identification requirements when I return my mail-in ballot application and/or ballot?

No. ID is not required when a voter returns their ballot, unless they are voting for the first time **and** have not previously submitted required identification. Their county clerk will notify the voter if they are required to provide identification with their mail ballot.<sup>95</sup> See [Question 19](#) for ID requirements.

**37. RECEIVING MAIL BALLOT:** Does the ballot have to be sent to my home, or can I have it sent somewhere else? What if I don't have a home address or my address is a PO Box?

No, the ballot does not need to be sent to the voter's home address. A voter may choose to have a different address listed as their mailing address, instead of their home address.

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<sup>91</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.269911(5)(b).

<sup>92</sup> <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/home/showdocument?id=8262>.

<sup>93</sup> <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/voters/county-clerk-contact-information>.

<sup>94</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.2546(6).

<sup>95</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.269915.

Ballots can not be forwarded to an address of the voter that is different from the address where the ballot was first mailed. Unless the voter is living outside of Nevada (as outlined in [Questions 8, 9, 10 and 11](#)), the voter must have a home address in Nevada in order to register to vote. However, a voter may use a different address for their mailing address, and a PO Box is acceptable.<sup>96</sup>

**38. MISSED THE APPLICATION DEADLINE:** [What if I have not requested a mail-in ballot by the deadline?](#)

Voters do not need to separately request a mail-in ballot because all registered voters will typically receive a ballot by mail (see [Question 31](#)).

If the voter did not register at least 14 days before election day, they can still register in-person at a polling location during early voting or on election day (see [Question 7](#)).

**39. STATUS OF APPLICATION AND/OR BALLOT:** [How can I check the status of my application and/or mail-in ballot?](#)

Voters who want to check the status of their mail ballot can check the status through the SOS [website](#)<sup>97</sup> or [register](#)<sup>98</sup> for a service that allows voters to track the status of their mail-in ballot. Once registered, voters can select how they want to receive ballot tracking alerts: text message, email, or voice call. Voters can also set the hours during which they would like to receive ballot tracking alerts.<sup>99</sup>

**40. APPLICATION OR BALLOT REJECTED:** [I learned my mail-in ballot application and/or ballot was rejected. What can I do to fix any errors or get another one?](#)

A common reason that a mail-in ballot may be rejected (other than it being late) is that the voter did not sign it, or their signature did not match their voter registration. When this happens, election officials will notify the voter, and the voter has until 5 p.m. on the sixth day following the election (*i.e.*, November 12, 2024 for the November 5, 2024 general election<sup>100</sup>) to provide the missing signature or otherwise confirm the allegedly mismatched signature provided.<sup>101</sup>

To obtain a new ballot, voters may contact their [County Clerk/Registrar of Voters](#).<sup>102</sup>

If it is too close to election day to obtain a new ballot from the county clerk, the voter can vote in person on election day. See [Question 46](#).

**41. COMPLETING BALLOT:** [How do I complete the mail-in ballot?](#)

Voters should be careful to complete their mail-in ballots so that: (1) it is returned in the provided ballot return envelope, (2) there is only one ballot in the ballot return envelope, and (3) the ballot return envelope is signed by the voter. Failure to follow these rules can cause the ballot to be rejected.

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<sup>96</sup> Absent Ballot Request Form, available at <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/home/showdocument?id=8262>.

<sup>97</sup> <https://www.nvsos.gov/votersearch/>.

<sup>98</sup> <https://nevada.ballottrax.net/voter/>.

<sup>99</sup> <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/voters/tracking>.

<sup>100</sup> Note: The deadline was moved to November 12, 2024 because November 11 is a holiday.

<sup>101</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.269927(6).

<sup>102</sup> <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/voters/county-clerk-contact-information>.

If the voter's county clerk notified the voter that they are required to provide identification with their mail ballot they should be careful to include the appropriate identification with the mail ballot.<sup>103</sup> See [Question 19](#) for ID requirements.

**42. ASSISTANCE COMPLETING BALLOT:** [Can someone assist me in filling out my ballot?](#)

At the direction of a voter who has a physical disability, is at least 65 years of age or is unable to read or write, a person may mark and sign a mail ballot on behalf of the voter or assist the voter to mark and sign a mail ballot.<sup>104</sup>

- If a person marks and signs a mail ballot on behalf of a voter, the person must indicate next to their signature that the mail ballot has been marked and signed on behalf of the voter.<sup>105</sup>
- If a person assists a voter to mark and sign a mail ballot, the person or the voter must include on the return envelope their name, address and signature.<sup>106</sup>

Another option for voters with a disability is Nevada's Effective Absentee System for Elections, or EASE (see [Question 77](#)).

**43. DEADLINE TO RETURN BALLOT:** [What is the deadline for the ballot to be received? Does it have to be postmarked by a specific date? Can I drop it off in person?](#)

If returned by mail, mail-in ballots must be **postmarked** by Election Day (November 5, 2024 for the general election) **and received** no later than 5 p.m. 4 days after the election (*i.e.*, November 9, 2024 for the November 5, 2024 general election) to be counted.<sup>107</sup> Mail-in ballots with unclear postmarks received by the third day following the election (*i.e.*, November 8, 2024 for the November 5, 2024 general election) will be deemed to have been postmarked on or before election day.<sup>108</sup>

Ballots may also be returned in person. If returned in person, ballots must be dropped off by 7 p.m. on election day.<sup>109</sup>

**44. BALLOT DROP OFF LOCATIONS:** [What are the locations for dropping off a ballot \(instead of mailing it\)?](#)

Drop boxes will be established at each polling place and county clerks may add other drop boxes.<sup>110</sup> For current drop-off locations, visit the Nevada Secretary of State's [website](#).<sup>111</sup>

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<sup>103</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.269915.

<sup>104</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.269919(2).

<sup>105</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.269919(3).

<sup>106</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.269919(4).

<sup>107</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.269921(1)(b).

<sup>108</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.269921(2).

<sup>109</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.269921(1)(a).

<sup>110</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.269921(3).

<sup>111</sup> <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/election-information/2024-election-information/2024-voting-locations>.

**45. ASSISTANCE DROPPING OFF BALLOT:** Can someone else drop off my completed ballot for me?

Yes. Any person authorized by the voter may return a mail-in ballot on the voter’s behalf in person or by mail to the clerk of the county in which the voter resides or by delivery to any ballot box established in the county in which the voter resides.<sup>112</sup>

**46. LOST OR SPOILED BALLOT:** What if I lost my mail-in ballot, made a mistake on it (spoiled it), or I received an incorrect ballot?

If a voter marks the wrong candidate, the voter can cross out the candidate mistakenly selected and mark the oval next to the correct candidate. The voter should not make an identifying mark next to the change, such as the voter’s initials, because that voids the ballot. In that instance, the voter should contact the election official in their county for assistance.<sup>113</sup>

Voters who have lost or spoiled their mail-in or absentee ballots may contact their [County Clerk/Registrar of Voters](#)<sup>114</sup> to obtain a new ballot.<sup>115</sup>

If it is too close to election day to obtain a new ballot from the county clerk, the voter can vote in person during early voting or on election day. The voter will need to either: 1) surrender their mail-in ballot at the polling locations; or 2) sign an affirmation under penalty of perjury declaring that they have not voted during the election.<sup>116</sup>

**47. NON-RECEIPT OF BALLOT:** What if I requested a mail-in ballot but have not received it? What are my options for voting?

The mailing of ballots to active voters will begin no later than 20 days before election day for in-state voters (*i.e.*, October 16, 2024 for the November 5, 2024 general election) and no later than 40 days before election day for out of state voters (*i.e.*, September 26, 2024 for the November 5, 2024 general election).<sup>117</sup> If a voter registers after the date above but at least 14 days before election day, the ballot will be mailed no later than 13 days before the election (*i.e.*, October 23, 2024 for the November 5, 2024 general election).<sup>118</sup>

Voters who have not received their mail-in ballots after these dates may contact their [County Clerk/Registrar of Voters](#)<sup>119</sup> to inquire.

If the voter hasn’t received their ballot and is unable to resolve the issue in time, the voter may also vote in person. See [Question 48](#).

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<sup>112</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.269923(1).

<sup>113</sup> <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/sos-information/office-facts/faqs-all-division/elections>. Last question under section “Voting By Mail.”

<sup>114</sup> <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/voters/county-clerk-contact-information>.

<sup>115</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.2546(5).

<sup>116</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.269917(3).

<sup>117</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.269911(5)(a).

<sup>118</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.269911(5)(b).

<sup>119</sup> <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/voters/county-clerk-contact-information>.

**48. IN PERSON OPTION:** What if I requested or received a mail-in ballot but I want to vote in person on Election Day?

Yes, the voter can do so. If the voter cannot or does not want to drop off their mail-in or absentee ballot at one of the designated locations and would prefer to vote in person, they may do so under the following conditions:

- 1) If the voter has their mail-in or absentee ballot with them when they visit their polling place or early polling place, the voter should turn over their mail-in or absentee ballot so that a poll worker can cancel it. The voter can then vote a regular ballot.
- 2) If the voter does not have their mail-in or absentee ballot with them when they visit their polling place or early polling place, they may vote in person if the voter: 1) is registered and otherwise entitled to vote, and 2) signs an affirmation under penalty of perjury declaring that they have not already voted during the election.<sup>120</sup>

## **HOW TO VOTE: ABSENTEE**

**(in this state defined as: Absent Ballot Voting)**

**49. ELIGIBILITY:** Am I eligible to request an absentee ballot?

See [Question 32](#).

Note: Nevada no longer distinguishes between mail-in ballots and absentee ballots.<sup>121</sup>

**50. APPLICATION DEADLINE:** What is the deadline for requesting an absentee ballot?

See [Question 33](#).

**51. IDENTIFICATION:** Are there any identification requirements?

See [Question 36](#).

**52. EMERGENCY:** Is there an emergency absentee ballot? If so, am I eligible?

Yes, Nevada has an emergency absentee voting program if the voter misses the deadline to request a mail-in ballot or has not received a mail-in ballot. An emergency absentee ballot can be brought to a voter at a hospital or other medical facility in certain emergency circumstances. Requests for an emergency absentee ballot must be made in writing and submitted to the voter's [County Clerk/Registrar of Voters](#)<sup>122</sup> any time before 5:00 p.m. on the day of the election.

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<sup>120</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.269917(3).

<sup>121</sup> <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/election-resources/faqs> (clarifying that mail-in ballots and absentee ballots “are the exact same form and are processed the exact same way. The term ‘Absentee Ballot’ was removed from our statutes by Assembly Bill 321 during the 2021 Legislative Session.”).

<sup>122</sup> <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/voters/county-clerk-contact-information>.

Voters are eligible if experiencing an illness or disability resulting in confinement to a medical facility (includes nursing homes), sudden hospitalization, serious illness, or being called away from home after the time has elapsed for requesting a standard mail-in ballot.<sup>123</sup>

**53. APPLICATION RETURN:** Where and how can I return my absentee ballot application? Can someone return it for me?

See [Question 35](#).

**54. STATUS OF APPLICATION AND/OR BALLOT:** How can I check the status of my absentee ballot application and/or absentee ballot return?

See [Question 39](#).

**55. APPLICATION OR BALLOT REJECTED:** I learned my absentee ballot application and/or ballot was rejected. How can I confirm this and what can I do to fix any errors or get another one?

See [Question 40](#).

**56. COMPLETING BALLOT:** How do I complete the absentee ballot?

See [Question 41](#).

**57. ASSISTANCE COMPLETING BALLOT:** Can someone assist me filling out the ballot?

See [Question 42](#).

**58. BALLOT DEADLINES:** What is the deadline for the ballot to be postmarked and/or received by, including dropping it off in person?

See [Question 43](#).

**59. BALLOT DROP OFF LOCATIONS:** Where can I drop off a ballot (instead of mailing it)?

See [Question 44](#).

**60. ASSISTANCE DROPPING OFF:** Can someone else drop off my completed ballot for me?

See [Question 45](#).

**61. LOST OR SPOILED:** What if I lost my absentee ballot or it is spoiled or I received an incorrect one?

See [Question 46](#).

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<sup>123</sup> <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/voters/voters-with-disabilities/absentee-voting>.

62. **NON-RECEIPT OF BALLOT:** What if I requested an absentee ballot but have not received it? Can I do anything?

See [Question 47](#).

63. **IN PERSON OPTION:** What if I requested an absentee ballot but I want to vote in person on Election Day?

See [Question 48](#).

64. **IN PERSON ABSENTEE:** Where do I vote in-person absentee? When can I do this?

See “How to Vote: In-Person Early Voting” beginning with [Question 25](#).

## POLLING PLACE ISSUES

65. **POLLING PLACE NOT OPEN:** The polling place is not open. What should I do?

A voter should call the Nevada Secretary of State at 775-684-5705 if their polling place is not open. See [Question 15](#) for hours of polling places on election day.

Check to be sure the voter is at the correct polling place, and is entering at the correct door (which does not always have a clear sign).

66. **LONG LINES:** There are long lines at the polling place. What should I do? What if the polls are closing while I’m in line?

All voters in line at the standard closing time must be allowed to vote.<sup>124</sup>

67. **EQUIPMENT FAILURE:** What should I do if there are equipment problems at my precinct?

Voters should immediately notify the poll workers if the voting equipment breaks down while the polls are open. Then a voter should ask if emergency paper ballots are available.

68. **CAMPAIGNING:** What rules apply to people campaigning or “hanging around” my polling place? What counts as campaigning or electioneering? Can people approach me?

Electioneering, including soliciting votes or speaking to voters on the subject of their vote, is prohibited in polling places and within 100 feet from the entrance of the polling place.<sup>125</sup>

69. **VOTER CONDUCT:** What am I prohibited from wearing or doing in a polling place? Can I take photos inside?

Voters cannot do any of the following within a polling place: (1) interfere with the conduct of the election in the polling place; (2) remove a ballot from any polling place before the closing of the polls; (3)

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<sup>124</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§ 293.2546(4), 293.305.

<sup>125</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.740.

apply for or receive a ballot at any election precinct or district other than one at which the person is entitled to vote; (4) show their ballot to another person, after voting, so as to reveal any of their votes on the ballot; (5) ask another person for their name, address or political affiliation or for whom he or she intends to vote; or (6) alter, change, deface, damage or destroy a mail ballot or military-overseas ballot.<sup>126</sup> Voters cannot wear any badge, button, or insignia which expressly refers to any political party or a candidate or ballot question to be voted upon at that election within 100 feet from the entrance to the polling place (including inside the polling place).<sup>127</sup>

Individuals are prohibited from photographing the conduct of voting at a polling place.<sup>128</sup>

70. **POLL WORKER CONDUCT:** What is a poll worker prohibited from wearing or doing in a polling place?

Poll workers are prohibited from intimidating voters or impeding them from voting, soliciting or encouraging voters to cast a ballot for a particular political party or candidate, and wearing any clothing or insignia that promotes the success or defeat of any political party or candidate.<sup>129</sup>

71. **INTIMIDATION:** Are there any other specific restrictions on conduct outside of a polling place? What should I do if I feel unsafe or uncomfortable outside the polling place?

It is against state law to threaten, intimidate, or coerce voters outside a polling place.<sup>130</sup> Federal law requires that voters be able to exercise their right to vote without interference or intimidation.<sup>131</sup> If a voter feels unsafe or uncomfortable outside the polling place, they should notify a poll worker or and/or contact the Nevada Secretary of State's elections division at 775-684-5705. If a voter would like to submit a formal complaint, such complaints must be sent to the Secretary of State's offices at 101 North Carson Street, Suite 3, Carson City, Nevada 89701-3714.<sup>132</sup>

72. **CHALLENGE:** Someone is formally challenging my vote. What should I do?

A voter's ability to vote may be challenged orally at the polls by any registered voter of the precinct at issue. There are only two permissible grounds for an oral challenge to a voter's eligibility: that a challenged voter "is not the person entitled to vote as claimed" or that the challenged voter "has voted before at the same election."<sup>133</sup>

A voter's ability to vote may be challenged via a written challenge on the basis that they (1) do not belong to the political party designated on the voting roster, (2) have not properly designated the political party to which they belong, (3) do not reside at the residence listed on the voting roster, (4) have previously voted a ballot for this same election, (5) are not the person they claim to be, (6) are not a U.S. citizen, or (7) have moved outside their county of residence or established residence outside the county.<sup>134</sup> The individual asserting the challenge must be a registered voter of that precinct and must

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<sup>126</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.730.

<sup>127</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.740(5)(d).

<sup>128</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.274(2).

<sup>129</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§ 293.710, 293.740.

<sup>130</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.710.

<sup>131</sup> 52 U.S.C. § 10101(b); 18 U.S.C. § 594.

<sup>132</sup> <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/election-information/report-potential-election-law-violation>.

<sup>133</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.303(1)(a).

<sup>134</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§ 293.287, 293.303, 293.535.



submit an [affirmation](#)<sup>135</sup> that is signed under penalty of perjury stating that the challenge is based on the personal knowledge of the registered voter and the challenge must be filed not later than the 25th day before the election.<sup>136</sup>

In any of these cases, the challenged voter should be offered an oath/affirmation responding to the challenge.<sup>137</sup>

If the challenged person executes the applicable oath or affirmation and the challenge **is not** based on the ground that the challenged person is not the person he or she claims to be, such person should be issued a regular ballot.<sup>138</sup> If the challenged person executes the applicable oath or affirmation and the challenge **is** based on the ground that the challenged person is not the person he or she claims to be, such person will not be issued a ballot until he or she (a) furnishes official identification which contains a photograph of the person, such as a driver's license or other official document; or (b) brings before the election board officers a person who is at least 18 years of age who: (1) furnishes official identification which contains a photograph of that person, such as a driver's license or other official document; and (2) executes an oath or affirmation under penalty of perjury that the challenged person is who he or she swears to be.<sup>139</sup>

If the challenged person executes the applicable oath or affirmation and the challenge **is** based on the ground that the challenged person does not reside at the residence listed on the voting roster, such person will not be issued a ballot until he or she furnishes satisfactory identification which contains proof of the address at which the person actually resides (for which a voter registration card will not be sufficient).<sup>140</sup>

Voters challenged on grounds of identity who cannot provide ID or who will not swear the oath will not be permitted to vote.<sup>141</sup> Voters challenged on grounds of residence who will not swear the oath will be permitted to vote at a specified designated polling place where they can vote only on questions that are applicable to all voters in the area.<sup>142</sup>

73. **POLICE/MILITARY PRESENCE:** There are police/members of the military at the polling place. Is this okay? What should I do?

Both state and federal law require that voters be able to exercise their right to vote without interference or intimidation (see [Question 71](#)).

74. **THOUGHT WAS REGISTERED:** My name isn't on the voter registration roll but I thought I was registered. What should I do?

The voter should check their registration status online or at their polling place (see [Questions 3](#) and [21](#)).

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<sup>135</sup> <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/home/showpublisheddocument/12325/638285496458530000>.

<sup>136</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.547.

<sup>137</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.303(2).

<sup>138</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.303(6).

<sup>139</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.303(8).

<sup>140</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.303(7).

<sup>141</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.303(3).

<sup>142</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.304.

A voter may have registered properly, but their name could have been removed from the list of registered voters for any of the following reasons:<sup>143</sup>

- Discovery of a duplicate or incorrect registration
- The voter's request
- After consultation with the district attorney in connection with an investigation of fraudulent residence information on a registration
- In connection with a voter registration investigation or list maintenance program
- A finding of lack of mental capacity to vote
- A determination that the person has been convicted of a felony and is currently incarcerated
- Death

If a voter did not vote in the last election, and did not return a postcard mailed to them,<sup>144</sup> their voter registration will be put into inactive status. "Inactive Voter" status includes any voter for whom a county has received: 1) a returned residency confirmation mailing without a forwarding address within the same county, or 2) information obtained through the United States Postal Service National Change of Address (NCOA) database indicating that a voter has moved outside the county. An inactive voter is eligible to vote so long as they have met all other legal requirements to vote. If a voter does not vote in two consecutive federal elections, their local County Clerk/Registrar of Voters will cancel their registration.<sup>145</sup>

Any voter whose name was removed from the statewide voter registration system on the basis of a determination of ineligibility, who later becomes eligible to vote, must re-register to have their name restored to the system.

Determine why a voter's name is not popping up on the list of registered voters:

- Check their registration status using the registration [lookup tool](#)<sup>146</sup> to make sure they are registered to vote (and, if applicable, are at the right polling location). (See [Questions 3](#) and [16](#))
- Has the voter moved recently? Could they be registered at an old address? Have the voter check that address in the registration lookup tool.
- Has the voter changed their name recently, or could they have registered under a different name? Have the voter 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.
- When/where did the voter register to vote? Was that before or after the deadline to vote in this election?

If it is within 14 days of an election (*i.e.*, October 22, 2024 for the November 5, 2024 general election), the voter will have to vote in person and provide ID following the requirements of same day voter registration to vote in the election (see [Question 7](#)).

75. **PROVISIONAL BALLOT:** I have been offered a provisional ballot. What should I do?

See [Questions 22](#), [23](#) and [24](#).

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<sup>143</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§ 293.530, 293.540, 293.541.

<sup>144</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.530.

<sup>145</sup> <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/election-resources/faqs>.

<sup>146</sup> <https://www.nvsos.gov/votersearch/>.

# ACCESSIBILITY/ASSISTANCE

**76. EQUIPMENT ASSISTANCE:** I don't know how to use the voting equipment. Can I get help?

Yes. Voters may ask poll workers for instructions on how to use the equipment.<sup>147</sup> Additionally, poll workers are encouraged to post voting instructions in at least 12-point font in a conspicuous place at each polling place.<sup>148</sup>

**77. PHYSICAL DISABILITY:** I have a physical disability and need assistance. Is my polling place ADA compliant? Does my voting location have an accessible voting system?

Yes. Any registered voter who by reason of a physical disability or an inability to read or write English is unable to mark a ballot or use any voting device without assistance is entitled to have some person of their choice, other than the voter's employer, an agent of the employer, or an officer or agent of the voter's union, mark the voter's choices or assist the voter in marking their choices on the ballot.<sup>149</sup>

Unless the polling place is affected by a natural disaster, it must be accessible to a voter who is elderly or a voter with a disability and at least one voting booth must be:

- Designed to allow a voter in a wheelchair to vote
- Designated for use by a voter who is elderly or a voter with a disability
- Equipped to allow a voter who is elderly or a voter with a disability to vote with the same privacy as a voter who is not elderly or a voter without a disability
- Equipped with a mechanical recording device which directly records the votes electronically and which may be used by a voter with a disability<sup>150</sup>

The polling place must either (1) have a separate line for voters with disabilities or who are not physically able to wait in line to vote, with voters in this separate line being allowed to vote before any voter who is not disabled and is physically able to wait in line to vote or (2) allow voters with disabilities or who are not physically able to wait in line to move to the front of the line of voters waiting to vote.<sup>151</sup>

Another option for voters with a disability is Nevada's Effective Absentee System for Elections, or EASE, an online application that seamlessly integrates voter registration and electronic ballot delivery and marking. EASE allows further independence and enables covered voters to register, request, mark and return their ballots from the comforts of their own homes. EASE is available for elections with a federal contest on the ballot at least 45 days before election day<sup>152</sup> (*i.e.*, for the November 5, 2024 general election, on and after September 21, 2024) and can be accessed [here](#).<sup>153</sup> The ballot will not be returned by the EASE system, but will need to be downloaded and returned via email, fax, or mail using the

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<sup>147</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.2546(8).

<sup>148</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.2955(3)(a); 293.2546(2).

<sup>149</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.296.

<sup>150</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. §293.2955(a).

<sup>151</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. §293.2955(b).

<sup>152</sup> <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/voters/voters-with-disabilities>.

<sup>153</sup> <http://NVEASE.gov>.

instructions provided within the system. More information about the EASE system, including a PDF walkthrough, may be found online [here](#).<sup>154</sup>

**78. READING/LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE:** I am blind, have a physical disability, or cannot read English and require assistance in order to vote. Can I get assistance at the polls?

Yes. Any registered voter who by reason of a physical disability or an inability to read or write English is unable to mark a ballot or use any voting device without assistance is entitled to have some person of their choice, other than the voter's employer, an agent of the employer, or an officer or agent of the voter's union, mark the voter's choices or assist the voter in marking their choices on the ballot.<sup>155</sup>

**79. LANGUAGE ACCESS:** I am not an English speaker. What language resources are available? Can I bring someone in the booth to help me understand the ballot?

Yes. Any registered voter who by reason of a physical disability or an inability to read or write English is unable to mark a ballot or use any voting device without assistance is entitled to have some person of their choice, other than the voter's employer, an agent of the employer, or an officer or agent of the voter's union, mark the voter's choices or assist the voter in marking their choices on the ballot.<sup>156</sup>

**80. CURBSIDE VOTING:** Is curbside voting available? How do I request it?

There is no applicable state law regarding curbside voting. All county election officials are required to make reasonable accommodations which will allow a person to vote at their polling place. Voters should call the Nevada Secretary of State at 775-684-5705 to inquire if their polling location will offer curbside voting.

**81. VOTER GUIDE:** Can I bring a voting guide or reference notes with me into the voting booth?

Yes. Voters are allowed to bring notes in with them.

Voters receive a sample ballot approximately one month prior to the next election, and it is a common practice for Nevada voters to bring their sample ballot with them to vote.

## **STATE SPECIFIC SUPPLEMENT**

**82. CAUCUS AND PRIMARY**

In February 2024, Nevada held both a caucus and a primary for the 2024 Presidential nomination. The primary election took place on February 6, while the Republican party-only caucus took place on February 8. Nevada voters can cast ballots in both the caucus and the primary, but delegates will be awarded only through the caucus, not the primary. The parallel contests are the result of a dispute

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<sup>154</sup> <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/voters/uniformed-overseas-citizens/ease-overview>.

<sup>155</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.296.

<sup>156</sup> *Id.*

between the Nevada state Republican Party and a 2021 state law that requires a primary election. All questions about the Republican caucus should be directed to the state Republican Party.

### 83. GUNS AT THE POLLING PLACE

Nevada has no laws expressly prohibiting guns in polling places. However, Nevada does prohibit the carrying of firearms at certain locations which may serve as polling places, even where a person would otherwise be permitted to carry concealed firearms while on the premises of public buildings, including (1) public buildings with signs prohibiting guns or with metal detectors at the entrance,<sup>157</sup> (2) on the premises of a public or private school or childcare facility<sup>158</sup> and (3) on the property of any Nevada public colleges or universities.<sup>159</sup>

### 84. TRIBAL VOTING

Tribal nations shall have a polling place and ballot drop box established on reservation land unless such nation opts out of such polling place and drop box.<sup>160</sup> Another option for tribal voters who live on a colony or reservation in Nevada is Nevada's Effective Absentee System for Elections, or EASE. EASE is available for all state, county, and municipal elections no less than 45 days before election day<sup>161</sup> (*i.e.*, for the November 5, 2024 general election, on and after September 21, 2024) and can be accessed [here](#).<sup>162</sup> The ballot will not be returned by the EASE system, but will need to be downloaded and returned via email, fax, or mail using the instructions provided within the system. More information about the EASE system, including a PDF walkthrough, may be found online [here](#).<sup>163</sup>

### 85. QUESTIONS: Who should I contact if I have questions about any of the above?

Call the Nevada Secretary of State at 775-684-5705 or the applicable [County Clerk/Registrar of Voters](#).<sup>164</sup>

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<sup>157</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 202.3673(3)(b).

<sup>158</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 202.265(1).

<sup>159</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 202.3673(3)(a).

<sup>160</sup> Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§ 293.2733 and 293.3572.

<sup>161</sup> <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/voters/uniformed-overseas-citizens/ease-overview>.

<sup>162</sup> <http://NVEASE.gov>.

<sup>163</sup> <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/voters/uniformed-overseas-citizens/ease-overview>.

<sup>164</sup> <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/voters/county-clerk-contact-information>.