

PEOPLE ON PROBATION AND PAROLE
**ARE FREE TO
VOTE**

FOR A VOTER REGISTRATION FORM, PLEASE VISIT:
WWW.STATE.NJ.US/STATE/ELECTIONS/VOTER-REGISTRATION.SHTML

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Important Information

What is this new law?

On December 18, 2019, Governor Murphy signed a law that restores voting rights to everyone in New Jersey on parole and probation. This went into effect on March 17, 2020. The new law is available at N.J.S.A. 19:4-1.

Are there any offenses “carved out” in the new law?

No, there are no offenses excluded in the new law. No fees or restitution must be paid before being permitted to vote. Only people currently incarcerated for an indictable (i.e., felony) conviction are excluded from voting.

Do New Jersey residents on federal parole and probation have the right to vote?

Yes. All New Jersey residents, whether on state (any state) or federal probation or parole will be allowed to vote in elections taking place in New Jersey, so long as they are registered to vote.

If I was registered prior to my conviction, do I have to reregister to vote now?

Yes, if the conviction is prior to March 17, 2020, then you will have to re-register. If you are placed on probation after March 17, 2020, you will not have to re-register to vote. If you are on parole, you will have to re-register, even after March 17, 2020.

How do I register to vote?

You can download a voter registration application and mail or deliver it to the County Commissioner of Registration or Superintendent of Elections in your county. Forms can be found here: <https://www.state.nj.us/state/elections/voter-registration.shtml>. You may also register to vote at a motor vehicle agency while applying for/renewing a driver’s license or non-driver identification card.

Am I allowed to vote in presidential and congressional elections?

Yes, you are allowed to vote in any election held in the State of New Jersey. Presidential primaries and general elections are held in every state including New Jersey.

How do I find out if I’m registered to vote?

Check your registration status by visiting <https://voter.svrs.nj.gov/registration-check>.

Can I register while incarcerated?

No. As the law currently stands, you cannot register to vote while incarcerated.

How early do I need to register before being eligible to vote in an election?

In New Jersey, you have to register to vote 21 days prior to the date of an upcoming election. Once you are registered, you do not have to register again to vote in the next election, unless you move to another county.

Do I need an ID to register to vote or to vote?

The voter registration form asks for an NJ Driver’s License Number, MVC Non-driver ID Number, or the last four digits of your Social Security Number.

Generally, you will not need to present an ID to vote. You will only need to provide an ID if you are a first-time voter and did not provide your ID information when you registered to vote, or the information you provided could not be verified. Identification can include a photo ID such as a driver’s license; a student/job ID; a U.S. passport; or a non-photo ID such as a bank statement, government check, or utility bill.

Are you able to register and vote while in a halfway house?

If you are in a halfway house, you are still incarcerated under the Department of Corrections, and are, therefore, not eligible to vote until released. This should not be confused with the Department of Parole’s Halfway Back Program. If you are in the Halfway Back program, you are on parole and can register and vote.

What if I have been charged but not convicted or my conviction was for a non-indictable (“felony”) offense?

In New Jersey, only people who are convicted of an indictable offense and are currently incarcerated lose their right to vote. If you are incarcerated pretrial and/or are convicted of a juvenile or disorderly (“misdemeanor”) offense, you have the right to vote.

What if I have more questions about the new law or believe my registration was improperly denied?

If you have any questions, you can contact your county’s Commissioner of Registration. Find their contact information by visiting <https://www.state.nj.us/state/elections/county-election-officals.shtml>. You can also email vote@njisj.org.