

# OKLAHOMA NATIVES VOTE

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## ELECTION DATES AND DEADLINES

### OKLAHOMA GENERAL ELECTIONS

**Tuesday, November 8, 2022**

Your registration for the general election must be received by Friday, October 14. Your application for a mail-in ballot for the general election must be received by Friday, October 28.

#### **Early voting will be available at designated early voting sites:**

- Wednesday, November 2, 2022 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Thursday, November 3, 2022 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Friday, November 4, 2022 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Saturday, November 5, 2022 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## STEP ONE: REGISTERING TO VOTE

In order to vote in any Oklahoma election, you must be registered to vote and you must ensure your registration information is up-to-date.

### **Am I eligible to register to vote in Oklahoma?**

So long as you are over 18, a U.S. citizen, a resident of Oklahoma, and not currently on probation or parole for a felony conviction, you can register to vote.

If you have been convicted (found guilty) of a felony, you may not vote until you have completed any prison time and are no longer on probation or parole. Then, you may re-register and vote.

### **How do I know if I'm already registered?**

You can check whether you're registered at [okvoterportal.okelections.us/](http://okvoterportal.okelections.us/)

If you have registered in Oklahoma before, you must update your registration any time your name or address changes. If your new address is in the same county as your old address, you may update your registration online at [okvoterportal.okelections.us/](http://okvoterportal.okelections.us/). If your old address is in a different county than your new address, you will need to complete and submit a new registration application using any of the registration methods described below.

### **How do I register to vote?**

First, you will need to complete a paper voter registration form. You can either use the voter registration portal available at [okvoterportal.okelections.us/Home/RegWizard](http://okvoterportal.okelections.us/Home/RegWizard) to generate a form (which you'll then need to print out), print a blank form at [oklahoma.gov/content/dam/ok/en/elections/forms/voter-registration-application.pdf](http://oklahoma.gov/content/dam/ok/en/elections/forms/voter-registration-application.pdf) and complete it by hand, or request one at any agency issuing Oklahoma driver's licenses.

### **To complete the form, you will need to provide:**

- Either an Oklahoma driver's license number, Oklahoma non-driver's ID number, or the last four digits of your Social Security number. Your Tribal ID number will not be accepted for this purpose.

- Your residential address. This cannot be a P.O. Box, but if your home does not have a standard USPS address, you may use a 911 address or a description of where you live.

- Your mailing address. Your county will send important registration- and voting-related documents to this address, so do not list your residential address if you do not reliably receive mail there. (continued on next page)

### **How do I register to vote?**

#### ***Then, to submit your registration form:***

- Mail or hand-deliver the form to the Oklahoma state elections board. To hand-deliver, visit 2300 N Lincoln Blvd, Room G28, State Capitol Building Oklahoma City, OK 73105. To mail, address your envelope to: P.O. Box 53156, Oklahoma City, OK 73152; OR

- Mail or hand-deliver the form to your county elections office. More information about your county elections office is available on the final page of this voter guide; OR

- If you received your form at a driver's-license-issuing agency, you can submit the form there and it will be mailed to the state elections board for you free of charge.

### **What happens after I submit my registration application?**

Within 30 days, a "voter identification card" will be sent to the mailing address you provided on your application. You should review the card carefully to make sure there are no errors in your personal information. If you find any, contact your county elections office right away.

## **STEP TWO: CASTING YOUR BALLOT**

There are three ways to cast your ballot in Oklahoma. Regardless of which method you choose, you will need to provide qualifying voter ID any time you vote. You need not bring your voter identification card to vote, but it can be used as your voter ID if you wish.

### **What can I use as voter ID?**

tate, or the Oklahoma state government. It must also contain your name and photograph. It cannot be expired as of Election Day. (ID with no expiration date listed is fine.) Acceptable forms of voter ID include:

- √ Your Tribal ID, so long as it includes your photo
- √ the voter identification card you received in the mail after registering to vote (even though it will not have your photo on it)
- √ an Oklahoma driver's license or non-driver's identification card
- √ a United States military identification card
- √ a United States passport

### **What if I don't have any of these forms of ID?**

If you arrive at your polling place without an ID that meets the requirements above, you'll be asked to vote with a "provisional ballot" and sign a sworn affidavit attesting to your identity. Be very careful to provide the same personal information on the sworn affidavit that you did when registering to vote. Your vote will only be counted if the information on your registration matches the information provided on your affidavit.

# HOW CAN I VOTE IN OKLAHOMA ELECTIONS?

## **ELECTION DAY IN-PERSON VOTING:**

Make sure you have appropriate voter ID and bring it with you. Then, find your polling place at [okvoterportal.okelections.us/](http://okvoterportal.okelections.us/). If you are voting on Election Day, you must vote at the polling place assigned to you based on your address. If you vote at the wrong precinct's polling location, even if it is within the county where you live, your vote will not count. If you are unsure where you should go to vote, contact your county elections office.

## **IN-PERSON EARLY VOTING:**

Any registered voter may vote in person during the early voting period without an excuse or explanation. Early voting is available the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday before each primary election, and the Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday before each general election. Every county has at least one early voting location, which may not be the same place as where you normally vote on Election Day. You may vote at any early voting site that is within the county where you live. Find your early voting location(s) at [oklahoma.gov/elections/voters/early-voting.html](http://oklahoma.gov/elections/voters/early-voting.html), by checking your county's elections website, or contacting your county elections office directly.

## **NO-EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING**

Anyone can vote by mail in Oklahoma without an excuse or explanation.

### ***Applying for a mail-in ballot:***

Before an election in which you plan to vote by mail, you must submit a completed absentee ballot application to your county elections office.

You can submit this application via online portal at [okvoterportal.okelections.us/](http://okvoterportal.okelections.us/), or print a paper copy at [oklahoma.gov/content/dam/ok/en/elections/absentee-ballots/absentee-ballot-application.pdf](http://oklahoma.gov/content/dam/ok/en/elections/absentee-ballots/absentee-ballot-application.pdf). Then, mail, fax, or email your application to your county elections office.

### ***Completing your absentee ballot:***

Your ballot will arrive with detailed instructions on how to mark, sign, and seal it. If you vote a standard absentee ballot, it MUST be notarized in order to be counted.

### ***Returning your mail-in ballot:***

You may either mail your completed ballot to your county elections office, ensuring that it is received no later than 7 p.m. on Election Day; OR you may return your ballot to your county clerk in person no later than close of business the Monday before Election Day. If you return your ballot in person, you will need to show voter ID.

### ***Tracking your ballot:***

After you vote, you can track your ballot at [okvoterportal.okelections.us/](http://okvoterportal.okelections.us/).

## **My neighbor/friend/family member isn't able to return their ballot to a post office or drop box themselves. May I deposit their ballot instead?**

NO. Under Oklahoma law, it is almost always a crime to return someone else's absentee ballot on their behalf. You may do so only if you are the voter's spouse returning his or her ballot by mail, or if you are acting as an official and approved agent of an incapacitated voter.

# IDENTIFYING YOUR COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICE AND OFFICIALS

You may notice that many answers on this voter guide instruct you to mail something to, visit, or contact your county elections office. It is important to correctly identify the county you live in because only that county's officials can properly assist you.

If you live on tribal lands within Oklahoma, visit the following website:  
[oklahoma.gov/elections/about-us/county-election-boards.html](https://oklahoma.gov/elections/about-us/county-election-boards.html)