

Three Ways to Vote

IN PERSON AT AN EARLY VOTING SITE

- Wake County operates one or more Early Voting sites throughout the county prior to each election. All Wake County residents are eligible to vote at any Early Voting site.
- If you missed the voter registration deadline, you can register to vote, update your address or name, and vote at the same time at any Early Voting site (**You cannot register and vote at the same time on Election Day**).
- Early Voting sites, dates, and times are listed on our website: www.wakegov.com/elections

BY MAIL-IN ABSENTEE BALLOT

- Voters registered in Wake County may request an absentee ballot.
- Requests must be made in writing by the voter or a near relative and must include:
 - Voter's name
 - Voter's date of birth
 - Voter's address where registered (and address to send ballot, if different)
 - Voter's signature (or signature of person making the request and relation to the voter)
- A written request must be received no later than 5:00 PM on the Tuesday before the election.
- All voted absentee ballots **must** be received by the Board of Elections no later than 5:00 PM on the day before the election.

IN PERSON ON ELECTION DAY

- Polls are open from 6:30 AM to 7:30 PM. Any voter in line by 7:30 PM is allowed to vote.
- Vote at your **assigned** polling place listed on your voter card. You can also visit www.wakegov.com/elections to find your polling place and view photos and driving directions.

Get Involved in Elections!

The Wake County Board of Elections is always looking for people to serve as election officials on Election Day and at the Early Voting sites.

Working in elections is a rewarding and exciting experience. Officials receive compensation for their work.

**To become an election official, download an application from the Board of Elections website:
www.wakegov.com/elections**

To learn more about working as an election official, send an email to elections@co.wake.nc.us or call the precinct official hotline at 857-9345.

Visit our Website Today!

Find answers to your questions about voter registration and voting at the Wake County Board of Elections website:

www.wakegov.com/elections

At our website, you can:

- See if you are registered to vote.
- Print a voter registration application or registration update form.
- Learn about upcoming elections.
- View your sample ballot prior to each election.
- Find your Election Day polling place.
- Find Early Voting locations.
- Learn about mail-in absentee voting.
- Learn about becoming an election official.
- View past election results, statistics, and other data.
- Find your elected officials.

Voter Guide

for the Citizens of
Wake County



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Registering to Vote

Qualifications

You may register to vote in Wake County if:

- You are a US citizen.
- You are 18 years of age or will be by the date of the next general election.
- You have been a resident of North Carolina and Wake County for at least 30 days by the date of the next general election.
- You are not a convicted felon, or if so, your rights of citizenship have been restored.

Deadline

To register to vote, you must:

- Mail a completed voter registration application to the Wake County Board of Elections, postmarked **no later than the 25th day before the election**, or
- Hand deliver a completed voter registration application to the Wake County Board of Elections **no later than 5:00 PM on the 25th day before the election**.

After the submission of your voter registration form, you will receive a voter card in the mail. The card will indicate your **assigned** Election Day polling place and jurisdictions.

Five Ways to Register to Vote

1. **BY MAIL:**

Print a voter registration application at www.wakegov.com/elections. Mail your completed and signed form to the Wake County Board of Elections. State law does not permit registering to vote online or submitting voter registration applications via email.

2. **AT AN EARLY VOTING SITE:**

If you miss the registration deadline, you can register and vote at any Wake County Early Voting site. The Board of Elections operates one or more Early Voting sites prior to each election.

3. **AT THE WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS OFFICE:**

Board of Elections staff can assist you in completing a voter registration application weekdays from 8:30 AM to 5:15 PM at our office, located at 337 South Salisbury Street in downtown Raleigh.

4. **AT A GOVERNMENT AGENCY OFFICE:**

Complete a voter registration application at Driver License offices, Employment Security Commission offices, most Social Service agencies throughout Wake County, Town Halls, Libraries, and High Schools. The agency will submit your completed application to the Board of Elections.

5. **AT A VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE:**

Many civic groups and political parties conduct voter registration drives throughout the year. These groups are required to submit all forms turned in to them to the Wake County Board of Elections.



Identification Requirements for Registering to Vote

When completing a voter registration application, you must provide **one** of the following forms of identification:

1. Write your North Carolina driver license or identification number on the application.
2. Write the last four digits of your Social Security Number on the application.
3. Submit with your application a photocopy of a form that lists your name and current address. Call the Board of Elections to determine which types of ID are acceptable.

If you do not provide one of the above forms of identification when registering to vote, you will be required to show identification the first time you vote.

Updating Your Voter Registration Information

It is important that you keep your voter registration information current. **Notify the Board of Elections when your name, address, or other information changes.**

Three ways to update your information:

1. Fill out the update section on the back of your **voter card**, sign it, and mail it to the Board of Elections.
2. Print the **update form** from the Board of Elections website, and mail your changes to the Board of Elections.
3. Submit an updated **voter registration application** to the Board of Elections.

Updates may be submitted via fax **only** if the changes **do not include a change in party affiliation**. **ALWAYS** mail in your original.