

# VOTING FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Have you ever gone to vote in November and thought, **how come these candidates are my choices?** Primary elections are elections held by political parties to select each party's nominees for elected offices. The outcome of the Primary elections determines which candidates will appear on the ballot for the November General election for federal, state, and local offices.

## Key Dates to Remember!

Sat. June 15th- Sun. June 23rd	<b>Early Voting</b>
6 am to 9 pm	
Tues. June 25th	<b>Election Day</b>
6am-9pm	
Sat. June 15th	<b>Last day to register to vote</b>
Mon, June 10th	<b>Last day to change address</b>

## Voter Registration

To vote in New York State you must be:

- A U.S. Citizen
- 18 years old (you may pre-register at 16 or 17 but cannot vote until 18)
- A resident of New York State and the county, city or village for at least 30 days before the election.
- You cannot vote in New York State if:
  - You are currently in prison for a felony conviction
  - You claim the right to vote anywhere else.

\*Although not always required, it is best practice to always bring your photo ID.

To check if you are already registered to vote, visit: <https://voterlookup.elections.ny.gov/>

## Vote By Mail

- Any registered voter can submit a mail- in ballot. To request a mail-in ballot visit: <https://elections.ny.gov/request-ballot>
- Requests to receive an early mail ballot must be received by the board of elections in your county no later than ten days before the election. For early mail ballots to be received in-person, applications must be received by your board no later than the day before the election.

## Voting FAQs

1. Who do I call if I or someone I know experiences any issues with voting at my poll site?
  - Call the Election Protection hotline at: 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683)
2. Can I vote in my language?
  - **YES.** You can receive a ballot in one of the 12 designated languages by NY State. You can also bring someone with you to help translate the ballot and vote.
3. How can I vote if I have a disability and need help?
  - Vote by mail or fill out an absentee ballot: to request a **mail-in ballot, absentee, or accessible ballot visit:** <https://elections.ny.gov/request-ballot#accessible-ballot>
  - Vote in person: If you have a disability and would like to vote in-person, inform a poll worker when you get to your poll site for assistance.
4. Can I vote in the democratic primary if I am not a registered Democrat?
  - **NO.** New York has a closed primary. You can only vote as a party member for the party you are registered under. For example, you must be a registered Democrat to vote in the Democratic primary.
5. Will my ballot be disqualified if I do not fill in a response for every office?
  - **NO.** You are not required to fill in a response for every office, amendment, or ballot initiative on the ballot. Be sure to fill in one response per row and fully fill in the bubble beside the name of the candidate you are voting for.
6. Can I change my party affiliation ahead of the June primary election?
  - **NO.** The last day to change party affiliations was February 14, 2024.
7. Who is running in the June 25, 2024 election?
  - To learn more about all the candidates and ballot measures visit: <https://www.ballotready.org/>

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