

Frequent Questions

Who is eligible to vote?

You must be a United States citizen, is or will be 18 years of age on or before **Election Day**, and have established a permanent residence in the State of New Mexico.

Where may I register to vote? You may register to vote at your County Clerk's Office, public libraries, tribal chapter houses, motor vehicle divisions, universities and various state agencies.

Do I need to present identification when I register to vote?

Yes, if you register by mail you must present proof of your physical address. No, if you register in person.

Do I need to register for every election? No, registration is permanent in New Mexico as long as you do not relocate, change your name or party affiliation.

What if I do not receive my absentee ballot?

If you apply for, but do not receive an absentee ballot, contact your County Clerk's Office. A voter who applies for an absentee ballot but has not received the absentee ballot by mail as of the date of the election may present themselves at their assigned polling place and, after executing an affidavit of non-receipt of absentee ballot, shall be permitted to vote on a provisional absentee paper ballot. (*Section 1-6-16B, NMSA 1978*)

What about Early Voting? You may also vote early in-person, instead of voting by mail. Commencing on the third Saturday prior to an election, an early voter may vote in person at an early voting site established by the County Clerk. (*Section 1-6-5.7.A, NMSA 1978*)

When does voter registration close?

Voter registration closes 28 days prior to an election. (*Section 1-4-8A NMSA 1978*)

What about military and overseas voters?

If you are a military or overseas voter, you may transmit your absentee ballot by facsimile or scanned document to your County Clerk. You must sign and transmit a waiver of secrecy form that will be provided by the County Clerk. (*Section 1-6-4.1D NMSA 1978*)

For more information please go to: www.fvap.gov

Voter Registration

Voters may look up their voter registration information using **VoterView**. A **VoterView** record allows you to search for information such as:

- ◆ Your Voter Registration
- ◆ Your Polling Place
- ◆ Your Provisional Ballot
- ◆ Your Absentee Ballot
- ◆ Your Sample Ballot

VoterView is provided by the **New Mexico Secretary of State's Office**
Go to: <https://voterview.state.nm.us>



Contact Information

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State of New Mexico

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2008 Voter Information

Know Your Voting Rights

Every registered voter in New Mexico has the right to:

- ◆ Inspect a sample ballot before voting;
- ◆ Ask for and receive instructions on how to mark a paper ballot, and insert into the voting tabulator;
- ◆ Ask for and receive instructions on how to cast a provisional ballot if your name is not on the list of voters, or if you are required to provide identification and did not bring it to the polls;
- ◆ Vote on a provisional ballot if you registered by mail for the first time in this county and did not provide identification when you registered or do not have it with you when you vote;
- ◆ First time voters provide a current address in this county and valid photo ID, utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other government document that shows your name and address;
- ◆ Vote by emergency paper ballot if the voting tabulator is broken and cannot be repaired in a reasonable length of time;
- ◆ At an early voting site or on election day, ask for, receive and vote on another paper ballot if your paper ballot is spoiled, defective, or if you made an error. You will be permitted to cast a ballot if you are in line when the polls close;
- ◆ Be assisted by a person of your choice if you are disabled or need help reading the ballot (your employer or an agent of your employer, an officer or agent of your union, or a candidate on the ballot for this election are not allowed to provide assistance);
- ◆ Vote free from intimidation by election officials or any other person;
- ◆ Report to your County Clerk's Office if you witness false voting, bribery, coercion, or intimidation. These are election crimes and subject to prosecution.

Polling places are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

For more information contact the
Secretary of State's Office,
Bureau of Elections, at 1.800.477.3632 or
(505) 827.3600
Please visit our website @
www.sos.state.nm.us

NM County Clerk Offices

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2008 Election Calendar

Tuesday, October 7

Voter registration for General Election closes at 5:00 p.m.
(1-4-8A NMSA 1978)

Monday, October 13

First Campaign Report or Statement of Exception Due
All reporting individuals shall file an electronic report by 5:00 p.m. of all expenditures made and contributions received through Monday, October 3 and not previously reported.
(1-19-29. NMSA 1978)

Saturday, October 18

Early In-person voting for the **General Election** begins. An early voter may vote in person at an early voting location established by the County Clerk. Early voting locations are available in certain counties.
(1-6-5.7. NMSA 1978)
Please contact your County Clerk for early voting sites in your county.

Thursday, October 30

Second Campaign Report due or Statement of No Activity

All reporting individuals shall file an electronic report by 5:00 p.m. of all expenditures made and contributions received through October 28. (1-19-29. NMSA 1978)

Saturday, November 1

Early in-person voting ends (1-6-5.7. NMSA 1978)

VOTE!

Tuesday November 4 — General Election Day!

Last day County Clerk shall accept completed official mailing envelopes containing absentee ballots until 7:00 p.m.
(1-6-10.B NMSA 1978)

Monday, November 10

Voter Registration Re-opens. (1-4-8.A2 NMSA 1978)

Thursday, December 4

Third Campaign report due or Statement of No Activity
All reporting individuals shall file an electronic report by 5:00 p.m. all expenditures made and contributions received through November 29th and not previously reported.
(1-19-29. NMSA 1978)