

NEW AMERICAN POCKET VOTER GUIDE



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CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations on becoming a United States citizen! This is a special milestone in your life, one that opens the door to many opportunities, like the right to vote!

You can vote in local, state, and federal elections in Iowa if you:

- ☐ Are United States citizen
- ☐ Are at least 18 years old on Election Day
- ☐ Are not a convicted felon (unless your voting rights have been restored by the Governor, including through Executive Order)
- ☐ An Iowa resident, with primary residence in the state

WHAT DO I NEED TO REGISTER?

Registering to Vote at Your County Auditor's Office or By Mail

When registering to vote at your county auditor's office or by mail, you will need to fill out a Voter Registration Form. You will need either your driver's license, non-operator ID, or to know the last FOUR digits of your Social Security Number.

Registering to Vote at the Department of Transportation

When you go to the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) to update your citizenship status, register to vote on-site.

More information about voter registration can be at
voterready.iowa.gov

HOW TO REGISTER

Before Election Day

Completed voter registration forms may be mailed to your county auditor and must be received by 5:00 p.m. CT or postmarked fifteen days prior to the election. Registration forms submitted online must be completed at or before 11:59 p.m. CT, fifteen days prior to the election.

Register to
Vote Online



Register to Vote at Your
County Auditor's Office



Register to
Vote By Mail



Within 15 days of Election Day

Any voter that is not registered on or before 15 days of the election may still register and vote by providing proof of identity and residence at the polls. This is called *Election Day Registration* or *Same Day Voter Registration*. This allows Iowans to register to vote during in-person absentee voting at your county auditor's office or at the polling place on Election Day.

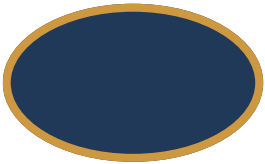
AT THE POLLS ON ELECTION DAY



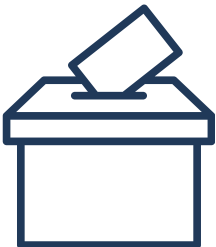
At check-in, you will show the poll worker your photo ID and your voter registration card. If you are not already registered, you will also be asked for proof of residency.



The poll worker will hand you a blank ballot that shows the races for your voting precinct.



In the voting booth, vote for the candidate(s) of your choice. Make sure you completely fill in the oval.



Exit the booth and place your ballot in the tabulator (large ballot-counting device).

Scan the QR code to watch a video tour of a polling place



MAKE A PLAN TO VOTE

If you would like extra time to cast a ballot or need assistance at the polls, you have options.

Early Absentee Voting in Person

Beginning 20 days before an election, you may vote early absentee in person at your county auditor's office. This might be helpful if you need a little extra time or would prefer assistance.

Absentee Voting by Mail

Beginning 20 days before an election, you may also request an absentee ballot be mailed to you. Once you have filled it out, it can be mailed back to your county auditor.

At the Polls

Every polling place in Iowa offers many forms of assistance for voters with disabilities. Each polling place is equipped with a ballot marking device to assist with marking your ballot. Additionally, you may request assistance for reading or marking a ballot either from someone you know or from precinct officials at your polling place. Curbside voting is another option if you are unable to enter the building where the polling place is located.

Scan the QR code to access our Individuals with Disabilities Voting Assistance Brochure for more information



FURTHER ASSISTANCE

Your right to vote is protected by law. If you think your voting rights are being violated, you should contact the proper authorities.

- County Auditor
Find your county auditor at sos.iowa.gov/auditors
- County Sheriff
Call your county sheriff or county courthouse to report your case.
- Secretary of State's Office
*Phone: (888) SOS-VOTE
Email: elections@iowa.sos.gov*



OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

How do I find my polling place?

Visit the Secretary of State's website to find your polling place using the QR code



How do I serve as a poll worker?

To serve as a poll worker, you must:

- *Be registered to vote in Iowa*
- *Be at least 17 years old*
- *Be a resident of the county you serve in*
- *Complete the required training.*

Visit pollworker.iowa.gov to apply.



Who is running in my district?

Visit the Secretary of State's website for updated election information to find out who is running for office using the QR code

