



ARIZONA VOTER REGISTRATION AND VOTE-BY-MAIL INFORMATION

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

Deadline to Register	Request Early/ Vote-by-Mail Ballot	Return Early/Vote-by-Mail Ballot	Election Day Voting
Postmark or complete online by Oct. 11.	Request from your county recorder by 5 p.m. Oct. 28. It is recommended that you mail back your ballot by Tuesday, Nov. 1.	Completed ballot must be received by your county elections director by 7 p.m. Nov. 8 (or you can drop it at any polling place in your county on Election Day).	Nov. 8, from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Visit aflciovote.org to easily check your registration status, apply to vote by mail, and get all the information you need to vote safely, securely and on time.

This memo has been prepared by the AFL-CIO for our state, area and local central labor bodies, affiliated unions and constituency groups to use in planning voter registration and mail/absentee ballot programs in 2022. This memo is for informational purposes only and is current as of Aug. 18, 2022. It is essential that you check the links provided throughout this document for any changes and consult with your attorney about any specific questions you have.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Who can register to vote in Arizona?

To register to vote in Arizona, you must:

- Be a citizen of the United States;
- Be a resident of Arizona and of the county in which you register;
- Be at least 18 years old on the date of the general election;
- Not have been adjudicated incapacitated by a court of law; *and*
- Not have been convicted of a felony, unless your civil rights have been restored.

You also can use the AFL-CIO's voter registration tool at aflciovote.org, which will walk you through the process for your state.

Civil rights restoration:

If you have only one Arizona felony conviction, then your rights are automatically restored after you have completed your sentence and paid any fines and restitution. Arizonans with two or more felony convictions must file an application to have their civil rights restored. Maricopa County has a website with more information and a copy of the application residents of that county can use. Residents outside of Maricopa County should contact the superior court in their county.

Pre-registration:

If you are not yet 18, you can register to vote as long as you will be 18 by the next general election—Nov. 8.

Proof of citizenship:

Arizona requires registrants to provide documentary proof of their U.S. citizenship in order to vote in *state and local elections*. Many Arizonans can meet

this requirement by providing the number on their Arizona driver's license or state-issued ID, if their card was issued after Oct. 1, 1996. More information about how to complete this requirement is below. Arizonans who are U.S. citizens must provide documentary proof of their citizenship to vote in federal races and may register using any form. H.B. 2942, signed into law by Gov. Doug Ducey, updated this requirement to include proof of citizenship for "federal only" voters. (This law goes into effect on June 28, 2022—notwithstanding legal challenges.)

How do I register to vote in Arizona?

Online:

- If you have a valid Arizona driver's license or nonoperating ID card issued by the Motor Vehicle Division after Oct. 1, 1996, you can [register to vote online at ServiceArizona.com](#).
- Registrants using the online voter registration system are required to enter the number from their Arizona driver's license or nonoperating ID card. That number will serve as their documentary proof of citizenship, and no further submission of proof will be required.

Paper:

- If you are not able to use the online voter registration system, you can use either the [Arizona voter registration form](#) or the [federal registration form](#). Paper registration forms should be mailed or delivered to your [county recorder](#).
- Voters registering in Arizona for the first time must provide documentary proof of citizenship. You can meet this requirement by including one of the following numbers in the appropriate box on the state registration form:
 - > Arizona driver's license number issued after Oct. 1, 1996;
 - > A nonoperating ID card number issued by the Arizona Motor Vehicle Division after Oct. 1, 1996;
 - > A tribal identification number; or
 - > A U.S. Alien Registration number.
- If you are not able to list one of these four numbers on the registration form, then you must also send a legible copy of one of the following documents (don't send the original):
 - > Birth certificate, along with any supporting documentation of a name change since birth;
 - > The relevant passport pages;
 - > A certificate of naturalization;
 - > A Bureau of Indian Affairs card;
 - > A tribal treaty card; or
 - > A tribal enrollment card.

My union is going to conduct a voter registration drive. What else do I need to know?

Arizona does not impose any restrictions on who can assist with voter registration efforts, nor does it require organizations to submit any paperwork before beginning a voter registration drive. However, here is some important information to keep in mind when planning and executing your registration drive.

When do I need to update my voter registration? How do I update it?

- You should update your voter registration if you have changed your name or address since the last time you voted, if you have not voted since 2014, or if you want to change your party registration. If you aren't sure if your voter registration is up to date, you can look it up online at [My.Arizona.Vote](#).
- If you have a valid Arizona driver's license or a nonoperating ID card issued after Oct. 1, 1996, you can [update your voter registration information online](#).
- If you are not able to use the online voter registration system, you can update your information by [submitting a new paper form](#). Paper registration forms should be mailed or delivered to your [county recorder](#).
- If you have an Arizona driver's license or ID card issued after Oct. 1, 1996, or if you have provided proof of your citizenship when you registered before, you do not need to provide further citizenship proof when updating your registration.

Obtaining voter registration forms:

- Although Arizonans can register to vote using the federal voter registration form, you should use either the [online registration system](#) or the [state voter registration form](#) for your drive. (The federal form does not contain information about the proof of citizenship requirement in Arizona, so you may find it easier to use the state forms, which contain the full instructions.)
- The [Arizona voter registration form](#) is available in side-by-side Spanish and English.
- There are no restrictions on photocopying blank forms for use in your voter registration drive. State forms can also be obtained in bulk from your [county recorder](#).

Helping a voter complete the form:

- Read the instructions for the form you are using very carefully.
- Do not fill in missing information or make corrections on a registration form without the consent of the person registering to vote. Review the completed form while the registrant is still with you (and be sure they have checked the boxes answering the questions about their citizenship and age), so you can ask them to correct any errors or omissions before you take the form.
- Go over the list of acceptable photo IDs with the voter and make sure they know what they need to bring with them when they vote.

Collecting and submitting voter registration forms:

- You must submit **all** applications that you receive as soon as possible after you collect them and no later than the voter registration deadline (29 days before Election Day).
- Deliver completed registration forms to the voters' [county recorder](#).
- Do not pay anyone based on the number of voter registration forms they collect.
- Do not offer any form of compensation or other incentive to potential registrants for completing a voter registration form.

Submitting proof of citizenship:

- Voters who are required to provide a photocopy of their proof of citizenship should enclose the copy with their voter registration form and submit the two items to their county recorder together. If a voter is unable to provide a photocopy of their proof of citizenship at the time of registration, they will receive a notice from their county recorder asking for the documentary proof of citizenship to be submitted before voting.
 - > Although voter registration forms must be submitted to the voter's county recorder 29 days before Election Day, registrants have until 5 p.m. on the Thursday before Election Day to submit their documentary proof of citizenship to the county recorder.
 - > Prior to the passage of H.B. 2942, voters who were unable to submit their documentary proof of citizenship before the deadline could still vote only in elections for federal office. Arizona H.B. 2942 changes this requirement and no longer allows "federal only" voters to vote in federal elections absent proof of documentation.

VOTE BY MAIL

Who can vote a ballot-by-mail in Arizona?

All Arizona voters have the option to vote by mail. Voters can either join the Active Early Voting List and automatically receive a ballot-by-mail in every election (if a voter actively votes by mail by returning at least one early ballot over the course of four years), or they can request a ballot-by-mail for a single election.

You also can use the AFL-CIO's absentee ballot request tool at aflciovote.org, which will walk you through the process for your state.

How do I join the Active Early Voting List (AEVL)?

There are three ways to join the Active Early Voting List:

- Select “yes” in Box 1 on the [Arizona voter registration form](#) when you register to vote.
- If you have an Arizona driver’s license or nonoperating ID, you can use the [online voter registration system](#) to sign up for the AEVL (even if you are already registered to vote).
- Print out and complete the [AEVL request form](#) and mail, fax or email a scanned copy or photo of the completed form to your [county recorder](#). If you do not have a printer, you can write a letter with the same information that is requested in the [AEVL request form](#) and send that to your [county recorder](#) instead.

How do I request a ballot-by-mail for the November election?

There are four ways to request a ballot-by-mail for the November election:

- Submit a request [online through the secretary of state’s website](#). To use the online request system, you will need an Arizona driver’s license number, a nonoperating ID number, a voter registration ID number, or your house number and the last four digits of your Social Security number.
- Call your [county recorder](#) and request a ballot-by-mail. You will be asked to give identifying information over the phone.
- Email your [county recorder](#) with this message: “I am requesting a ballot-by-mail for the 2022 general election and am giving the county recorder permission to mail my ballot to the address provided in this email.” And include the following information:
 - > First and last name;
 - > Date of birth;
 - > Residence address;
 - > Mailing address (where you want the ballot sent, if different from residence address);
 - > State or country of birth, or another piece of information that, if compared with your voter record, would confirm your identity (e.g., Arizona driver’s license number, last four digits of Social Security number, father’s name or mother’s maiden name).
- Print out and complete the [ballot-by-mail request form](#) and mail, fax or email a scanned copy or photo of the completed form to your [county recorder](#). If you do not have a printer, you can write a letter with the same information that is requested in the [ballot-by-mail request form](#) and send that to your [county recorder](#) instead.

What is the deadline to request a ballot-by-mail or sign up for the AEVL before the November election?

Your request must be received by your county recorder no later than 5 p.m. Oct. 28.

How can I return my ballot-by-mail?

You have two options for returning your ballot-by-mail:

- **By mail:** You can use the postage-prepaid envelope to return your ballot by mail.
- **In person:** Mail ballots may be returned in person at any early voting, emergency voting or Election Day voting location, or by ballot drop box (if available in your county; check the website of your county elections director for locations). Under Arizona law, a caregiver, family member, household member or election official can help a voter return their ballot to a voting location or drop box.

What is the deadline to return my ballot-by-mail?

Your ballot must be *received* by 7 p.m. Nov. 8. If you plan to return your ballot by U.S. Postal Service, the secretary of state recommends mailing it by Nov. 1.

MORE INFORMATION

- **Voter registration:** <https://azsos.gov/elections/voting-election/register-vote-or-update-your-current-voter-information>
- **Voting by mail:** <https://azsos.gov/votebymail>
- **Voter ID requirements:** <https://azsos.gov/elections/voting-election>

As the coronavirus continues to impact Americans across the country, there has been a staggering decrease in the number of people who are able to work the polls—which could mean closed polling places and long delays during the November election. The AFL-CIO is proud to partner with **Power the Polls**, a first-of-its-kind initiative to recruit poll workers to ensure a safe, fair election for all voters.

Will you help us address our nation's critical poll worker shortage? You can help make sure we have a safe, fair and efficient election for all voters, and potentially get paid to do it. Sign up to Power the Polls today.

powerthepolls.org/aflcio

If you need more information or have issues on Election Day, contact the nonpartisan Election Protection Hotline, sponsored by a coalition of civil rights groups and unions.

ELECTION PROTECTION HOTLINES

Call in English **866-OUR-VOTE** or **866-687-8683**

Call in Spanish/English **888-VE-Y-VOTA** or **888-839-8682**

Call in Asian Languages/English **888-API-VOTE** or **888-274-8683**

Call in Arabic/English **844-YALLA-US** or **844-925-5287**

Or text **OUR VOTE** to **97779**

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