

Make a Plan to Vote at Your Polling Place



1. **Check your Voter Registration Status:** Go to the [PA Dept. of State](#) website to verify that you are registered to vote. You will also find **your address, your political party** (if chosen), and **your polling place** where you will cast your vote. Your **Voter Registration Card** will also have this information. (Your [County Elections Office](#) can replace your card.)
2. **Decide if you need ID:** Acceptable IDs for the **first time you vote or the first time in a polling place** are below. *Otherwise, ID is not required in Pennsylvania unless your identity is challenged.*
3. Make sure you can **find your polling place** and figure out how to travel there.
4. **Decide what time of day you will go to vote** and **make necessary arrangements** ahead of time.
5. **At your polling place**, you will **check in** with an election official.
6. **Carefully look over your PAPER BALLOT**, before making your choices. ***Made an error? Ask for a new ballot—Do not cross out or erase items.*** (You may also request a ballot-marking device.)
7. Make sure your ballot is complete. Insert your ballot in the machine that **scans it**. ***Do not leave until you see “Thank you for voting!”***. You will have successfully cast your ballot.

Approved Forms of ID (Identification)

Photo ID's

- PA Driver's License or PENNDOT ID card
- ID by any Commonwealth (PA Gov't) Agency
- ID issued by the US Government
- US Passport
- US Armed Forces ID
- Student ID
- Employee ID

Non-Photo ID That Includes Name and Address

Voter Registration Card
Non-Photo ID by Commonwealth
(PA Gov't) Agency
Firearm Permit
Current Utility Bill (your name & address)
Current Bank Statement (your name & address)
Current Paycheck (your name & address)
Government Check (your name & address)

Go to [alleghenycounty.us](#) for up-to-date election info.

(Problems at your polling place? You may always ask for a Provisional Ballot if you are challenged for any reason. Don't leave without voting!.)

Go to [Vote.pa.gov](#)

- to Register to Vote; to Check Registration Status
- to Change Address, Name, Party Affiliation
- to Apply for Mail-In and Absentee Ballots

Go to [Vote411.org](#)

To learn about candidates on the ballot for your home address a month before each election