

Additional Information

Some first time voters who register by mail are required to present additional documentation to the county voter registration office that confirms the residence address of the voter.

NOTE: This is in addition to the photo ID “proof of identity” requirement.

Who is affected by this requirement?

- This requirement only applies to a voter who:
 1. **Registered to vote for the first time.**
 - **In the county** on OR after January 1, 2003 AND before January 1, 2006; OR
 - **In Indiana** after January 1, 2006; AND
 2. **Submitted an application to vote by mail.**
- This requirement does not include a voter who submitted an application at a BMV license branch or other public assistance agency.
- Even within this group of voters, some are exempt from this requirement: (1) Military and overseas voters; (2) A voter who presented this documentation to the county voter registration office with their registration application.
- The voter is notified of this requirement when the country receives the voter’s registration application and also if the voter applies for an absentee ballot.

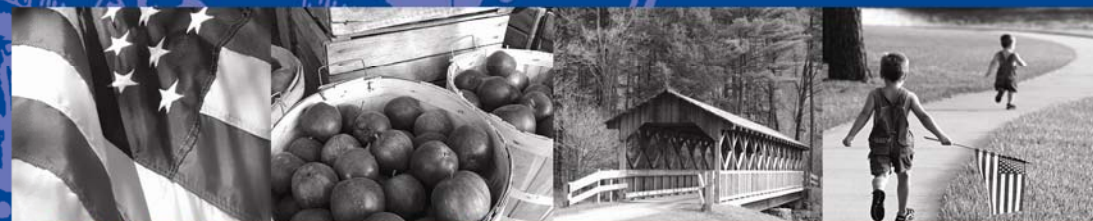
What kind of Documents are Acceptable

1. **Indiana Driver’s License or other current and valid photo ID**, with the voter’s current name and address.
2. **Current utility bill or bank statement**, with the voter’s current name and address.
3. **Government check or other government document**, with the voter’s current name and address.
4. **Paycheck**, with the voter’s current name and address.

NOTE: An Indiana Driver’s License or State ID card may meet both the photo ID requirement and the additional documentation requirement if it fulfills unique requirements for each.



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Who Can Vote?

Voting Requirements

You have the right to vote in an Indiana election, if:

- You are both a U.S. citizen and a resident of Indiana; *and*
- You will be at least 18 years of age at the next General Election, November 4, 2008; *and*
- You are not currently in prison after being convicted of a crime; *and*
- You have lived in the precinct where you vote for at least 30 days prior to the election; *and*
- You are registered to vote.

To register to vote, simply complete the VRG-7 form and submit to your county before the Voter Registration Deadline (listed below)

Election Calendar

- **April 7, 2008:** Voter Registration Closes for the 2008 Primary Election
- **April 28, 2008:** Deadline for absentee-by-mail applications to be received for the 2008 Primary Election
- **May 6, 2008:** Primary Election Day
- **May 20, 2008:** Voter Registration Opens for the 2008 General Election
- **October 6, 2008:** Voter Registration Closes for the 2008 General Election
- **October 27, 2008:** Deadline for absentee-by-mail applications to be received for the General Election
- **November 4, 2008:** General Election Day

Mail-in voter registration applications must be postmarked on or before the above registration deadlines.

More Information

- If you would like to check your voter registration or the location of your polling place, please visit www.IndianaVoters.com or call the Hoosier Voter Hotline at 1-866-IN-1-VOTE (866-461-8683).
- If you are interested in being a poll worker on Election Day, contact the county office of your party or circuit court clerk. Poll workers are compensated for their time, varying by county. 16/17 year olds may also be eligible, contact your county for more information.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Where can I register to vote?

- A. You may register to vote by applying at a variety of locations: your voter registration or county clerk's office, and any BMV license branch or public assistance office. You may also complete a mail-in registration form, posted on the Indiana Secretary of State's website at www.sos.IN.gov/elections, available with the Indiana income tax return forms, or available at your voter registration or county clerk's office.

Q. When must I register to vote?

- A. You can register to vote any time of the year. However, to vote in the 2008 Primary or General Election, you must apply to register at least 29 days prior to Election Day. Please see the voter registration deadlines in the Election Calendar section of this brochure.

Q. How do I register to vote?

- A. You need to complete the Indiana Voter Registration Application form (VRG-7) which requires your name, address, birth date, voter registration number (your Driver's License Number or the last 4 digits of your Social Security Number) and your original signature. You will also be required to affirm that you are a U.S. citizen and will be 18 years of age on or before Election Day. The completed form must be received by the voter registration or county clerk's office or the Indiana Election Division according to the registration deadline requirements.

Q. If I am turning 18 right before the election, when can I register? When can I vote?

- A. If you are turning 18 on or before November 4, 2008, the date of the next general or municipal election, you can register at anytime during the election year and you are eligible to vote in both the Primary and General Elections (even if you are not 18 before the Primary Election). However, you will not be eligible to vote for school board members, state convention delegates, or political party precinct committeemen in the Primary Election.