

Arizona

Registration Deadline

Forms must be received or postmarked 29 days before an election.¹

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Database Implementation Status

Arizona has had a statewide voter registration database since January 1, 2004.² All voter registration records held by county officials before 2004 were transferred to the statewide voter registration database at that time. Arizona’s database currently works on a bottom-up model: forms maintained and entered at the county level are daily uploaded to the statewide database.³ All authorized users can view this statewide list for the purposes of comparing and synchronizing records.

Entering Voter Registration Information

Who inputs voter registration information? County recorders generally review and enter information from voter registration forms in their jurisdictions into the county system, for regular nightly upload to the statewide database. Arizona also offers online voter registration; information provided by online applicants is entered directly into the statewide system.

What happens to voter registration forms submitted at state registration agencies? Forms received by the Secretary of State, the Motor Vehicle Department (“MVD”), or another voter registration agency are sent to the appropriate county recorder for review and entry.

How are most forms submitted? Arizona reported that in 2004, 67% of forms were submitted by mail, and 28% were submitted in person. Arizona also reported that 41% of forms were submitted at the MVD, and 13% were submitted at another voter registration agency. Arizona’s report to the Election Assistance Commission’s 2004 survey did not itemize online registrations.⁴

Voter Registration Form

The relevant portions of the voter registration form are included at the end of this section.

Processing of Forms Without Identifying Numbers

How will the state treat an application with an affirmative indication that the applicant has no valid identifying number? The applicant will be assigned a unique voter registration number; if the applicant provides proof of citizenship and is otherwise eligible, she will be considered registered.

How will the state treat an application without an identifying number and without an affirmative indication that the applicant has no such number? The applicant will be assigned a unique voter registration number. If the applicant provides proof of citizenship and is otherwise eligible, she will be considered registered.⁵

How will the state treat an application listing an identifying number that is either incomplete or illegible? If the applicant provides proof of citizenship and is otherwise eligible, she will be considered registered.

Matching Against Motor Vehicle and Social Security Records

What fields from the voter registration form will the state seek to match to motor vehicle or Social Security records? Identifying number, last name, first name, and date of birth.

How precise is the match standard? Arizona requires an exact match for the identifying number and date of birth. Last names must have at least five letters in common. First names must have three letters in common.

How much human intervention is involved in determining whether information is matched? The matching process will be fully automated.

Description of matching process: Records uploaded to the state voter registration system will be automatically checked against the MVD database, and a code will be returned within 24 hours determining whether a match has been found.

What are the consequences if the state cannot find a match? If the applicant provides proof of citizenship and is otherwise eligible, she will be considered registered.

Notice and Opportunity to Resolve Errors

Does the applicant have the opportunity to correct a missing or incomplete identifying number, without submitting a new form? Yes. The applicant may correct missing or incomplete information until the day before an election.

Does the applicant have the opportunity to resolve a failed match, without submitting a new form? Yes. The applicant may submit information to resolve a failed match until the day before an election.

If information on an otherwise timely application is corrected after the voter registration deadline, is the correction timely? Yes.

Description of notice and correction process: An applicant whose identifying number is missing, incomplete, illegible, or unverified will be notified by non-forwardable first class mail to the applicant's last known address.⁶ The applicant may correct errors up until the day before Election Day; if the errors are unresolved, she may still vote if she provides identification at the polls.

Identification Requirements at the Polls

Who must provide identification at the polls?

Every voter is required by state law to show ID at the polls, even if the identifying number on her voter registration application has already been verified.⁷ Arizona also requires that an applicant provide proof of citizenship when she registers to vote.

Forms of ID:

Every voter:	one photo ID w/ name, address two non-photo ID w/ name, address
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What forms of identification are accepted? The voter must “present one form of identification that bears the name, address and photograph of the elector or two different forms of identification that bear the name and address of the elector.”⁸

What are the consequences of failing to show identification? The voter may cast a provisional ballot. The ballot will be counted if the voter provides identification to the county recorder’s office within five business days of a general election including federal candidates, and within three business days of all other elections.⁹

Statutes and Regulations

ARIZ. REV. STAT. tit. 16, ch. 1 generally concerns registration. ARIZ. REV. STAT. § 16-168(J) directs the Secretary of State to develop and administer a statewide voter registration database. There are no applicable regulations.

End Notes

¹ See ARIZ. REV. STAT. §§ 16-120, 16-134(C).

² electionline.org, *Assorted Rolls: Statewide Voter Registration Databases Under HAVA*, June 2005, available at <http://www.electionline.org/Portals/1/EB11.FINAL1.pdf>, at 15.

³ *Id.*

⁴ Election Assistance Commission, *The Impact of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 on the Administration of Elections for Federal Office 2003-2004*, June 30, 2005, tbl. 2, available at http://www.eac.gov/NVR_Spreadsheets/NVRA_table_2.html.

⁵ Arizona law provides that a registration form “must” contain the applicant’s driver’s license or nonoperating identification license number, the last four digits of the applicant’s SSN, or the applicant’s “affirmation that . . . the person does not possess a valid Arizona driver or nonoperating identification license or a SSN and the person is hereby requesting that a unique identifying number be assigned by the Secretary of State . . .” ARIZ. REV. STAT. § 16-121.01.

⁶ See *id.* § 16-166(A).

⁷ *Id.* § 16-579(A).

⁸ *Id.*

⁹ *Id.* § 16-584(E) provides that the ballot will be “verified for proper registration” by the county recorder within five business days.

ARIZONA VOTER REGISTRATION FORM

FORMULARIO DE INSCRIPCIÓN DE VOTANTE EN ARIZONA

INSTRUCCIONES EN ESPAÑOL SE ENCUENTRAN AL REVERSO

Questions? For questions regarding voter registration, call your County Recorder listed on the back of the form

You Can Use This Form To:

- Register to vote in the state of Arizona
- Let us know that your name, address or party affiliation has changed

To Register To Vote In Arizona You Must (Qualifications):

- Be a United States citizen (see citizenship requirements on back)
- Be a resident of Arizona and the county listed on your registration
- Be 18 years of age or more on or before the day of the next regular General Election

WARNING: Executing a false registration is a **class 6 felony**

You Cannot Register To Vote In Arizona If:

- You have been convicted of a felony and have not yet had your civil rights restored
- You have been adjudicated incompetent

How To Register To Vote:

- You can mail or hand deliver your completed form to your County Recorder's office
- Your County Recorder's office will mail you a proof of registration within 4 – 6 weeks
- Your decision to register to vote or not, and where you submitted your registration, will remain confidential

Registrations Received By Mail:

- In the case of registration by mail, a voter registration is valid if it complies with either of the following:
 1. The registration is dated 29 days or more before an election and is received by the County Recorder within 5 days after the last day to register to vote in that election.
 2. The form is postmarked 29 days or more before an election and is received by the County Recorder by 7 p.m. on the day of that election.

Citizens With Disabilities Can:

- Contact the County Recorder/Elections Department for information about polling place access, early voting, assistance at the polling place and all other election related procedures

If you are not a citizen of the United States or will not be 18 by the next General Election, do not complete this form.

-----Fold Line----- ***USE BLACK PEN ~ COMPLETELY FILL OUT FORM *USE PLUMA DE TINTA NEGRA ~ LLENE EL FORMULARIO COMPLETAMENTE** -----Fold Line-----

NEW REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

➤ Your completed voter registration form must contain the number of your Arizona driver license, or nonoperating identification license.

If you do not have either of these licenses, you must include the last four digits of your social security number.

If you do not have a driver license or nonoperating identification license or a social security number, a unique identifying number will be assigned by the Secretary of State.

➤ A complete voter registration form must also contain proof of citizenship or the form will be rejected.

If you have an Arizona driver license or nonoperating identification license issued after October 1, 1996, this will serve as proof of citizenship. If not, you must enclose proof of citizenship with the form.

The back of the form contains a list of acceptable documents to establish your citizenship and instructions on how to attach copies of the documents to the voter registration form.

[1] Are you registered to vote at another address? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Sure <input type="checkbox"/> List the former address, including county and state			BOX FOR OFFICE USE ONLY \$		
[2] Last Name		First Name		Middle Name	Jr./Sr./III
[3] Address where you live – If no street address, describe residence location using mileage, cross streets, or landmarks. Do not use post office box or business address. Draw a map below if located in rural area.					[4] Apt./Unit/Space No.
[5] City	[6] County	[7] Zip	[8] Address where you get your mail, if mail is not delivered to your home		
[9] Birth Date (Month/Day/Year)		[10] State or Country of Birth	[11] Telephone number	[12] Father's name or mother's maiden name	
[13] AZ Driver license number or AZ Nonoperating license number		[14] AZ Driver license number or AZ nonoperating license number issue date	[15] Last four digits of social security number	[16] <i>Optional - Check ID type and write number in box</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Indian census number, <input type="checkbox"/> Bureau of Indian Affairs card number, <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal treaty card number, or <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal enrollment number No.	
[17] Specify Party Preference	[18] Occupation	[19] If your name was different the last time you registered, list former name		[20] Certificate of Naturalization number	
[21] ➤ Are you a citizen of the United States of America? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> <i>If you checked "No" to either one of these questions, do not submit this form.</i> ➤ Will you be 18 years of age on or before election day? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>					[22] If no street address draw a map here: N W ————— E S
VOTER DECLARATION – By signing below, I swear or affirm that the above information is true, that I am a RESIDENT of Arizona, I am NOT a convicted FELON or my civil rights are restored, and I have NOT been adjudicated INCOMPETENT					
X SIGN HERE _____ DATE _____					
[23] If you are unable to sign the form, the form can be completed at your direction. The person who assisted you must sign here. SIGNATURE OF PERSON ASSISTING _____ DATE _____					
[24] Will you be willing to work at a polling place on election day? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>					

-----Remove tape and fold to mail-----

VOTER REGISTRATION FORM - FORMULARIO DE INSCRIPCIÓN DE VOTANTE

VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

If you meet the qualifications listed on the front of this form, complete, sign and return the attached registration form. This form may be used to register in any county in Arizona.

The form may be mailed or given to a person designated to receive voter registration forms. Call your County Recorder as listed below for more information.

NEW REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

If this is your first time registering to vote in Arizona or you have moved to another county in Arizona, your voter registration form must also include proof of citizenship or the form will be rejected. If you have an Arizona driver license or nonoperating identification license issued after October 1, 1996, write the number in box 13 on the front of this form. This will serve as proof of citizenship and no additional documents are needed. If not, you must attach proof of citizenship to the form. Only one acceptable form of proof is needed to register to vote.

The following is a list of acceptable documents to establish your citizenship:

- A legible photocopy of a birth certificate that verifies citizenship and supporting legal documentation (i.e. marriage certificate) if the name on the birth certificate is not the same as your current legal name
- A legible photocopy of pertinent pages of a United States passport identifying the applicant
- Presentation to the County Recorder of United States naturalization documents or the number of the certificate of naturalization in box 20 on the front of this form
- The applicant's Bureau of Indian Affairs Card Number, Tribal Treaty Card Number, or Tribal Enrollment Number in box 16 on the front of this form
- A legible photocopy of a driver license or nonoperating license from another state within the United States if the license indicates that the applicant has provided satisfactory proof of citizenship
- A legible photocopy of a Tribal Certificate of Indian Blood or Tribal or Bureau of Indian Affairs Affidavit of Birth.

If you need to include a photocopy of proof of citizenship, please fold the proof along with the voter registration form and place both items in an envelope and mail them to your County recorder listed below. **Send legible photocopies and not the originals. Photocopies will not be returned to you.**

If you are registered in Arizona and use this registration form because you move within a county, change your name, or change your political party affiliation, you do not need to provide photocopies of proof of citizenship. If you move to a different Arizona county, you will need to provide proof of citizenship.

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

Alternative format materials, sign language interpretation, and assistive listening devices are available upon 72 hours advance notice to your County Recorder.

To the extent possible, additional reasonable accommodations will be made available within the time constraints of the request.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. You must re-register whenever you:
 - Move
 - Change your name
 - Change your political party affiliation
2. Early ballots may be requested from the County Recorder of your county of residence.
3. Keep this copy as your receipt. After the County Recorder receives your registration and places it in the county general register, a notice will be sent to you within 4–6 weeks indicating that your name appears on the register. If you do not receive your notice contact your County Recorder.

INFORMACIÓN PARA LA INSCRIPCIÓN DE VOTANTE

Si usted satisface los requisitos indicados en la cara de este formulario, llene, firme y regrese el formulario de inscripción adjunto. Se puede usar este formulario para inscribirse en cualquier condado en Arizona.

Se puede enviar por correo el formulario o se puede darlo a una persona designada para recibir los formularios de inscripción de votante. Para más información, llame a su Registrador del Condado como se indica en la lista abajo.

REQUISITOS DE UNA NUEVA INSCRIPCIÓN

Si esto es su primera vez de inscribirse para votar en Arizona, o si se ha mudado a otro condado, su formulario de inscripción de votante también tiene que incluir prueba de ciudadanía o se rechazará el formulario. Si usted tiene una licencia de manejar de Arizona, o una licencia de identificación no de manejar de Arizona, expedida después del 1 de octubre de 1996, escriba el número en la casilla 13 en la cara de este formulario. Esto servirá como prueba de ciudadanía y no se necesitan ningunos otros documentos. Si no es así, tiene que adjuntar prueba de ciudadanía al formulario. Solamente se necesita una forma aceptable de prueba para inscribirse para votar.

Lo siguiente es una lista de los documentos aceptables para establecer su ciudadanía:

- Una fotocopia legible de un acta de nacimiento que verifica la ciudadanía y la documentación legal acreditativa (ej. Acta de Matrimonio) si el nombre en el acta de nacimiento no es el mismo como su nombre legal actual
- Una fotocopia legible de las páginas pertinentes de un pasaporte de los Estados Unidos que identifican al solicitante
- La presentación al Registrador del Condado de documentos de naturalización de los Estados Unidos o el número del certificado de naturalización en la casilla 20 en la cara de este formulario
- El Número de la Tarjeta del Departamento de Asuntos Indios, el Número de la Tarjeta de Tratado Tribal, o el Número de Inscripción Tribal en la casilla 16 en la cara de este formulario
- Una fotocopia legible de una licencia de manejar o licencia no de manejar de otro estado dentro de los Estados Unidos, si la licencia indica que el solicitante ha proporcionando prueba satisfactoria de ciudadanía
- Una fotocopia legible de un Certificado Tribal de Sangre India o Tribal o una Declaración Jurada de Nacimiento del Departamento de Asuntos Indios.

Si usted necesita adjuntar una fotocopia de prueba de ciudadanía, favor de doblar la prueba junto con el formulario de inscripción de votante y ponga los dos en un sobre y envíelos por correo a su Registrador del Condado indicado en la lista abajo. **Envíe fotocopias legibles y no los originales. No se regresarán las fotocopias a usted.**

Si usted es inscrito en Arizona y usa este formulario de inscripción porque se muda dentro de un condado, se cambia su nombre, o cambia su afiliación de partido político, no tiene que proporcionar fotocopias de prueba de ciudadanía. Si se muda a otro condado en Arizona, tendrá que proporcionar prueba de ciudadanía.

PARA ACOMODAR A LAS NECESIDADES DE LAS PERSONAS CON DISCAPACIDADES

Los materiales en formatos alternativos, interpretación por señas y dispositivos de audición asistida están disponibles al dar aviso previo de 72 horas a su Registrador del Condado.

Al punto posible, se harán disponibles más acomodamientos razonables dentro de las limitaciones de tiempo de la solicitud.

INFORMACIÓN GENERAL

1. Usted tiene que volver a inscribirse siempre que:
 - Se mude
 - Se cambie su nombre
 - Cambie su afiliación de partido político
2. Se puede solicitar boletas electorales tempranas del Registrador del Condado del condado de su residencia.
3. Conserve esta copia como su recibo. Después de que el Registrador del Condado reciba su inscripción y la anote en el registro general del condado, se le enviará un aviso dentro de 4 a 6 semanas que indica que su nombre aparece en el registro. Si usted no recibe su aviso, póngase en contacto con su Registrador del Condado.

Apache County Recorder
St. Johns, AZ 85936
(928) 337-7516 (TDD# 337-4402)

Graham County Recorder
Safford, AZ 85546
(928) 428-3560 (TDD# 428-3562)

Mohave County Recorder
Kingman, AZ 86402
(928) 753-0767 (TDD# 753-0769)

Santa Cruz County Recorder
Nogales, AZ 85621
(520) 735-7990 (TDD# 761-7816)

Cochise County Recorder
Bisbee, AZ 85603
(520) 432-8354 (TDD# 432-8360)

Greenlee County Recorder
Clifton, AZ 85533
(928) 865-2632 (TDD# 865-2632)

Navajo County Recorder
Holbrook, AZ 86025
(928) 524-4192 (TDD# 524-4294)

Yavapai County Recorder
Prescott, AZ 86305
(928) 771-3248 (TDD# 771-3530)

**Coconino County Recorder/
Elections Department**
Flagstaff, AZ 86001
(928) 779-6589 (TDD# 226-6073)

La Paz County Recorder
Parker, AZ 85344
(928) 669-6136 (TDD# 669-8400)

Pima County Recorder
Tucson, AZ 85701
(520) 740-4330 (TDD# 740-4320)

Yuma County Recorder
Yuma, AZ 85364
(928) 373-6034 (TDD# 373-6033)

Gila County Recorder
Globe, AZ 85501
(928) 425-3231 (TDD# 425-0839)

**Maricopa County Recorder/
Elections Department**
Phoenix, AZ 85003
(602) 506-1511 (TDD# 506-2348)

Pinal County Recorder
Florence, AZ 85232
(520) 866-6850 (TDD# 866-6851)