



# RE-ENFRANCHISEMENT

Effective April 18, 2018, the Governor's Office will consider all individuals released from incarceration onto parole supervision for a voting restoration pardon. Individuals currently under parole supervision may already have been issued a voting restoration pardon. Going forward, the Governor's Office will review all individuals who enter the parole system for the conditional pardon on a monthly basis.

## VOTING FAQ

### Can I vote while on parole?

All people on parole in New York State will be reviewed for a conditional pardon that restores their right to vote. The list of people on parole will be updated on a monthly basis.

To check if your voting rights have been restored, you can search online by name: [tinyurl.com/y9cdghqe](http://tinyurl.com/y9cdghqe).

To learn more, check out this fact sheet from the Legal Action Center: [tinyurl.com/yd7nj9qa](http://tinyurl.com/yd7nj9qa).

### What should I do if I haven't received a conditional pardon?

Talk to your parole officer.

### Once I've been granted my conditional pardon, am I automatically able to vote?

No. Before you can cast your ballot to vote, you must also register to vote. If you were registered to vote before you were incarcerated, you still need to re-register. To vote in a specific election, you must register before the registration deadline.

### Can I vote with a misdemeanor or felony conviction?

If you're back home and not on parole, you can vote no matter your conviction. If you are on parole you can vote if: (1) you received a voting restoration pardon—which almost everyone on parole and in good standing receives, OR (2) you have a certificate of relief or good conduct.

### Can I vote while I'm in jail?

If you are in jail awaiting trial or serving time for a misdemeanor or violation, you may vote by mail with an absentee ballot. If you are in jail or prison for a felony conviction and do not have a certificate of relief for that conviction, you cannot vote until you come home.

### How do I register to vote?

You can register by mail by submitting a completed registration form:

+ English form: [tinyurl.com/gkp6wtd](http://tinyurl.com/gkp6wtd)

+ Spanish form: [tinyurl.com/yajssyej](http://tinyurl.com/yajssyej)

+ If you have a valid New York State license, you can register online: [tinyurl.com/zp9a249](http://tinyurl.com/zp9a249)

### What's the deadline to register to vote?

The registration deadline depends on the election. You must register 25 days before the next election in which you want to vote. For a list of upcoming elections and registration deadlines, see: [www.elections.ny.gov](http://www.elections.ny.gov).

### Do I need to choose a party on the registration form?

The registration form asks you to register for a political party. You are not required to select a specific party. If you enroll in a political party, you can vote in that party's primary election. If you do not register for a party, you cannot vote in the primaries.

### What is the primary election?

The primary determines which candidates appear on the general election ballot. In the general election, you may vote for any candidate from any party.

### Why vote?

Every vote matters. Some local elections are decided by a few hundred votes, so voter registration and turnout have a real impact.

*Flip over for more information about voting on election day!*

