

# Been Locked Up? Don't Be Locked Out!



**If you are convicted of a MISDEMEANOR or are awaiting trial for a FELONY charge you DO NOT lose your right to vote.**

You can register and vote, **even if you're in jail**. See the back of this flyer to learn how to register. Use the Absentee Ballot Request Online Portal or complete and mail an Absentee Ballot Request Form to your county board of elections. Find both at: [demnc.co/absentee](https://demnc.co/absentee)

Your absentee ballot request form must be received by your county board of elections at least one week before the election.

Provide an address on your absentee request where you can receive mail – either the jail, your home, or the home of a near relative who can help you vote (spouse, brother, sister, parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, mother-in-law, father-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, stepparent, or stepchild).



**NOTE:** Due to the new photo ID law, **all voters voting by mail will need to include with their ballot return envelope either (1) a photocopy of their photo ID or (2) provide an ID exception form saying unable to attach a copy of photo ID.**



Learn more at: [gotidnc.org](https://gotidnc.org).

**If you are convicted of a FELONY, you TEMPORARILY lose your right to vote.**

In NC, you automatically get back your right to vote **once you have completed your sentence, including probation, post-release supervision, and parole**. Fines, fees, and restitution alone do not make you ineligible to vote. You just register and vote like any eligible voter, and you don't need a special document that says your rights are restored. Please call 877-880-VOTE for the latest rules. Learn more at: [demnc.co/notlockedout](https://demnc.co/notlockedout)



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Got questions? Call **888-OUR-VOTE** or visit [ncvoter.org](https://ncvoter.org).

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# How to Register and Vote

Register Online or By Mail

**NOTE:** You now need to **show an NC driver's license or other "acceptable photo ID" to vote with a regular ballot**, beginning in the 2023 municipal elections. Learn more at [gotidnc.org](https://gotidnc.org). Learn more at: [gotidnc.org](https://gotidnc.org).



## Go Online

to [demnc.co/register](https://demnc.co/register) to find steps to register to vote online or by downloading a mailable registration form.

## Mail

or deliver the form to your county board of elections at least 25 days before Election Day. Find your county board at [demnc.co/yourboe](https://demnc.co/yourboe).

## Confirm

your registration by visiting [demnc.co/lookup](https://demnc.co/lookup) or look for a postcard in the mail from your county showing your registration was received and other info.



## Same-Day Registration and Voting

Not locked up? You can register to vote in-person at any Early Voting site in your county – and vote there, too. You can only do this during Early Voting (NOT on Election Day). Find the early voting sites in your county here: [demnc.co/voteearly](https://demnc.co/voteearly)

To register during Early Voting, show the poll worker one of these with your name and current address: a utility bill, vehicle registration, a bank or payroll statement, or any document from a government agency; NC driver's license; a student ID with a college document showing your address. The document may be a digital image on your cell phone.



For the latest on where or how to vote, call **888-OUR-VOTE** or visit [ncvoter.org](https://ncvoter.org).