Frequently Asked Questions About
Establishing a Domicile/Residence in New Hampshire

The Secretary of State, Attorney General, and Commissioner of the Department of Safety published the attached Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on their web sites. Clerks, Supervisors, and Moderators are encouraged to print this document. If asked any of these questions, use the answer provided. This is a public document. You may provide anyone a copy.

This joint guidance is provided in consultation with the Attorney General's Office. The following guidance on voter registration is provided by the Secretary of State. The following guidance on the motor vehicle laws is provided by the Commissioner of the Department of Safety.

For more information on Registering to Vote in New Hampshire, please see the enclosed Attachment 1, entitled "Registering to Vote in New Hampshire."

For election-related questions, please contact:

- Secretary of State: elections@sos.nh.gov
- Attorney General: electionlaw@doj.nh.gov

For more information about becoming a new resident for vehicle registration and driver license purposes, please see Attachment 2, or visit:
https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/dmv/new-resident/index.htm

For motor vehicle related questions, please contact:

- e-mail: NH.DMVHelp@dos.nh.gov
- Driver Licensing (603) 227-4020
- Vehicle Registration (603) 227-4030

Frequently Asked Questions

Question 1

Q. Are the terms "domicile" and "residence" equivalent?

A. Yes. The terms "domicile" and "residence" are equivalent. Even though RSA 21:6-a and RSA 654:1 contain different words, they convey the same basic concept. When a person makes a town or ward in New Hampshire his or her principal place of physical presence to the exclusion of all other places, that person has established a domicile/residence.

Question 2

Q. How do I establish domicile/residence in New Hampshire?

A. You make a town or ward in New Hampshire your principal place of physical presence to the exclusion of all other places. Your actions in New Hampshire reveal your intent to make a place in New Hampshire your domicile/residence. Such actions include, but are not limited to, purchasing or leasing a principal (i.e. primary) house or apartment, obtaining a resident vehicle registration, placing dependent children in a publicly funded school, registering to vote, paying taxes applicable only to residents, etc. RSA 21:6; RSA 21:6-a; RSA 259:23; RSA 654:1.

For College/University students seeking to establish a domicile/residence in New Hampshire please see Frequently Asked Question 8 for more information. See RSA 654:1, I-a.

Question 3

Q. If I establish a domicile/residence in New Hampshire and drive in New Hampshire, do I have to get a New Hampshire driver's license?

A. Yes. A person who establishes a domicile/residence in New Hampshire and drives in New Hampshire must obtain a New Hampshire driver's license within 60 days of establishing his or her domicile/residence. See: RSA 21:6; RSA 21:6-a; RSA 263:1; and RSA 263:35. Your actions in New Hampshire reveal your intent to make a place in New Hampshire your domicile/residence. Such actions include, but are not limited to, purchasing or leasing a principal (i.e. primary) house or apartment, obtaining a resident vehicle registration, placing dependent children in a publicly funded school, registering to vote, paying taxes applicable only to residents, etc. RSA 21:6; RSA 21:6-a; RSA 259:23; RSA 654:1.

For information on what satisfies proof of domicile/residence for the purposes of obtaining a driver's license please see Attachment 3, or visit:

https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/dmv/forms/documents/dsmv634a.pdf (For US Citizens to obtain a Real ID); or

https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/dmv/forms/documents/dsmv634b.pdf (for non-Real ID licenses); or

https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/dmv/driver-licensing/non-us-citizen/permanent.htm (for non-citizens to obtain a Real ID-non-citizens may not register to vote or vote)

For frequently asked questions regarding how to register to vote in New Hampshire please see Attachment 4, or visit: http://sos.nh.gov/HowRegVote.aspx. For examples of documents

showing actions recognized in law as establishing a domicile/residence, see page 2 of Attachment 1, or click on this link: Registering to Vote in New Hampshire

Question 4
Q. If I establish a domicile/residence in New Hampshire and own a vehicle used in New Hampshire, do I have to register that vehicle?

A. Yes. A person who establishes domicile/residence in New Hampshire and owns a vehicle used in New Hampshire must register the vehicle in New Hampshire within 60 days of establishing his or her domicile/residence. RSA 261:45. You may register your vehicle with your local town or city officials. The fee for vehicle registration is in part for the use of the town or city where the owner resides. See: RSA 261:153; RSA 261:165. These funds are available to help cover the costs of maintaining roads. Registering a car you own and use in New Hampshire, in part, is paying your share of road maintenance costs.

Your actions in New Hampshire reveal your intent to make a place in New Hampshire your domicile/residence. Such actions include, but are not limited to, purchasing or leasing a principal (i.e. primary) house or apartment, obtaining a resident vehicle registration, placing dependent children in a publicly funded school, registering to vote, paying taxes applicable only to residents, etc. RSA 21:6; RSA 21:6-a; RSA 259:23; RSA 654:1.

Question 5
Q. If I establish domicile/residence in New Hampshire, hold a driver's license from another state, but do not drive in New Hampshire, do I have to get a New Hampshire driver's license?

A. No. A person who establishes a domicile/residence in New Hampshire and does not drive in New Hampshire is not required to obtain a New Hampshire driver's license. RSA 259:24; RSA 259:25; RSA 263:1; RSA 263:35.

Question 6
Q. If I establish domicile/residence in New Hampshire and drive a motor vehicle in New Hampshire owned by a person who resides in another state, do I have to register that vehicle in New Hampshire?

A. No. Only the owner of a motor vehicle can register that vehicle. A nonresident owner of a motor vehicle has no obligation to register his or her vehicle in New Hampshire.

Question 7
Q. Do I need a New Hampshire driver's license to register to vote and to vote?

A. No.

To vote you must be:

- 18 years of age or older on election day;
- A United States Citizen;
- Domiciled in the town or city ward where you plan to vote.

RSA 654:1.

You should bring proof of these qualifications to register. If you do not have proof or forgot to bring proof, then you can sign an affidavit attesting to any of these qualifications.

No one can be denied the right to register to vote or vote for being out of compliance with the requirements of the motor vehicle code.

Question 8
Q. Can I register to vote and vote where I attend College/University in New Hampshire?

A. Yes. In New Hampshire, a person attending College/University, or any other institution of learning, may register to vote and vote in the town or ward where he or she has established his or her domicile/residence while attending school. RSA 654:1.

New Hampshire law explicitly recognizes campus housing, including a dorm room, as a lawful domicile. RSA 654:1, I-a. A useful list of documents you may use to register to vote can be found at page 2 of Attachment 1 or reviewed online at: Registering to Vote in New Hampshire

A student residing off campus, who establishes a domicile/residence in New Hampshire, may only register to vote in the town or ward where he or she resides. RSA 654:1.

Question 9
Q: I have registered to vote in New Hampshire, and I have an out-of-state driver's license, but I do not drive here. Do I need to do anything?

A. No. Anyone registering to vote in New Hampshire is indicating that he or she has established a domicile/residence here. A person who establishes a domicile/residence in New Hampshire and does not drive in New Hampshire is not required to obtain a New Hampshire driver's license. RSA 259:24; RSA 259:25; RSA 263:1; RSA 263:35.

Question 10
Q: I have registered to vote in New Hampshire, but I have an out-of-state driver's license and I drive here. What should I do?

A: Anyone registering to vote in New Hampshire is indicating that he or she has established a domicile/residence here. Once one establishes domicile/residence in New Hampshire, New Hampshire law requires that person to take certain actions. Under the motor vehicle code, a person has 60 days upon establishing domicile/residence to obtain a New Hampshire driver's license, if they drive here, and to register a vehicle, if they own a vehicle in the state.

Question 11
Q. Can I obtain a New Hampshire driver's license using my campus housing (e.g. my dorm room) as the "address where you live" on the driver's license application?

A. Yes. The Division of Motor Vehicles accepts proof of such residence in order to register your vehicle and/or to obtain a driver's license. A list of other documents that may be used as proof of residence is enclosed in Attachment 3, or can be reviewed online at:

https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/dmv/forms/documents/dsmv634a.pdf (to obtain a Real ID)
Or
https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/dmv/forms/documents/dsmv634b.pdf (for non-Real ID licenses)

RSA 21:6; RSA 259:88; RSA 263:5-e.

Any person who already holds a New Hampshire driver's license or has a vehicle registered in New Hampshire has a duty to notify the Division of Motor Vehicles within 30 days of a change to his or her domicile/residence or his or her mailing address. RSA 263:9

ATTACHMENT 1

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

REGISTERING TO VOTE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

This guidance was revised on November 7, 2018, to comply with a court order enjoining enforcement of Senate Bill 3 (2017). Do not rely on published versions of the election laws or sections of the Election Procedure Manual that relate to statutes amended by Senate Bill 3.

To be eligible to register and vote in New Hampshire a person must be:

- 18 years of age or older on election day;
- A United States citizen; and
- Domiciled[1][1] in the town or ward where the person seeks to vote.

To register, you will need to provide proof of your identity, age, citizenship, and domicile. Proof can be either by documents or if you do not have documents with you, by affidavit. Documents may be presented in paper or electronic form.

- A driver's license or non-driver ID from any state satisfies proof of identity and age.
- A birth certificate, U.S. Passport/Passcard, or naturalization document satisfies proof of citizenship.

Note: A New Hampshire Real ID compliant driver's license is NOT proof of U.S. Citizenship.

If you do not have these, you can prove your identity, age, and/or citizenship, by signing a Qualified Voter Affidavit, under oath, in front of an election official.

You will also need to prove that you are domiciled in the town or ward where you intend to vote. Proof can be either by documents or if you do not have documents with you, by affiavit. The law requires a document that "manifests an intent to maintain a single continuous presence for domestic, social, and civil purposes relevant to participating in democratic self-government." RSA 654:1[2].

[1] "The fundamental idea of domicile is home." *Felker v. Henderson*, 78 N.H. 509, 511 (1917). More information regarding what the term "domicile" means is found on page 3 of this document.
[2] RSA 654:1 was not amended by Senate Bill 3.

There are many types of documents that will satisfy this requirement. A court order has enjoined enforcement of statutes that list examples of satisfactory documents. However, the documents listed in those statutes were recognized by election officials prior to the adoption of Senate Bill 3. The following documents are examples of satisfactory proof of domicile:

- A New Hampshire driver's license or non-driver ID showing your current domicile address;
- A document from the school that you attend, showing that you live in campus housing. A document issued by the school that has your name and the address where you live satisfies the requirement. Many colleges and universities provide students with satisfactory documents already. Students may also use a smart phone or other electronic device to show the election official a page from the college or university's official student electronic records web site, which lists the student's dorm assignment or off-campus residence address. Some universities have established an on-line web page resource specifically for this purpose. Consult your school officials if you are unsure how to find and display this information from your school's system.
- A note signed by a school official, including a Resident Assistant or other person with supervisory responsibility for your dorm satisfies the requirement under RSA 654:1, I-a.
- A rental agreement, lease, or similar document that shows your name and the address of your domicile. The document must show that you are domiciled at the address on Election Day.
- A document showing that you own the place you are domiciled at, such as a deed, property tax bill, or other similar document that has your name and address.
- A New Hampshire resident motor vehicle registration, driver's license, or non-driver photo ID showing your domicile address.
- A voter photo ID issued by the NH Division of Motor Vehicles at no cost to you.
    - To obtain a photo ID card that can only be used for voting purposes, ask your town or city clerk or the Secretary of State's office for a voucher and present it to the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV).
    - Information on the documents you will need to present to the DMV is available here: https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/dmv/forms/documents/identification-residency-uscitizen-non-compliant.pdf
- A document showing that you enrolled a dependent minor child in a public school that serves the town or ward of your domicile.
- Any state or federal tax form, other government form, or government issued identification that shows your name and your domicile address.
- Any form from the US Post Office showing your name and the physical address where you are domiciled (not a P.O. Box). The confirmation you received by e-mail or US mail when you reported your new address to the Post Office satisfies the requirement.

- A public utility bill, such as such as an electric, telephone, water, gas, or other utility bill, with your name and domicile address on it.
- A note from a homeless shelter or other service provider located in the town or ward where you will vote that confirms they will receive US mail sent to you at that address.
- You may also use any other document that shows manifestation of your intent to make the place you claim your voting domicile.

If you have any questions about what will be sufficient proof of domicile, you may call or visit your town or city clerk's office. Look up your clerk's address and contact information here. http://sos.nh.gov/VoteInforLook.aspx choose "Clerk Information Search."

If you do not have any document proving your domicile, you can prove domicile by signing a Domicile Affidavit.

If you have documents to establish your qualifications, please bring them when you register. If you do not have documents or forget to bring them:

- YOU WILL BE ABLE TO REGISTER TO VOTE;
- YOU WILL BE ABLE TO VOTE; and
- YOU WILL USE A REGULAR ELECTION DAY BALLOT THAT IS COUNTED ON ELECTION DAY[3]

If you have any questions about the process of registering to vote, do not hesitate to ask at the town/city clerk's office or the supervisors of the checklist at the polls on Election Day. Your local election officials are there to help you.

More Detailed Information regarding Registering to Vote

What is "domicile for voting purposes"?

"The fundamental idea of domicile is home." Felker v. Henderson, 78 N.H. 509, 511 (1917).

"An inhabitant's domicile for voting purposes is that one place where a person, more than any other place, has established a physical presence and manifests an intent to maintain a single continuous presence for domestic, social, and civil purposes relevant to participating in democratic self-government. A person has the right to change domicile at any time,

[3] Citizens of New Hampshire who moved here from another state may have experienced casting a provisional ballot in their prior state when they failed to bring documentation of their qualifications or Photo ID to the polls. New Hampshire does not use a provisional ballot. Everyone who satisfies the requirements to register votes a ballot counted on election day. New Hampshire does not have a durational residency requirement – you can move into New Hampshire, establish your voting domicile on election day, register and vote. New Hampshire has election day voter registration at the polling place.

however a mere intention to change domicile in the future does not, of itself, terminate an established domicile before the person actually moves." RSA 654:1, I.

"A student of any institution of learning may lawfully claim domicile for voting purposes in the New Hampshire town or city in which he or she lives while attending such institution of learning if such student's claim of domicile otherwise meets the requirements of RSA 654:1, I." RSA 654:1, I-a.

"A voter can have only one domicile for voting purposes." RSA 654:2, I.

The complete election laws are available on-line; however, a court order has enjoined enforcement of all provisions of law that were amended by Senate Bill 3 (2017). The on-line election laws currently show the enjoined language. The on-line law should not be relied upon without referring to the court's injunction and Senate Bill 3 to determine the current law. Therefore, the on-line election laws do not reflect the law that will be applied for voter registration starting on November 7, 2018.

ATTACHMENT 2

Department of Safety

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New Resident of New Hampshire

Welcome to New Hampshire!

Once a person has established residency in New Hampshire (RSA 21:6 and RSA 259:88, he/she has a maximum of 60 days to register his/her vehicle(s) and obtain a New Hampshire driver license (RSA 261:45 and RSA 263:35).

Registrations

How do I register my vehicle?

To register a vehicle owned by you, you must bring the title, along with proof of residency, to the town or city clerk's office where you reside.

If the vehicle is leased, if there is a lienholder or if the vehicle is title-exempt, submit the following to the town or city office where you reside:

- The out-of-state registration.
- Lease agreement, if applicable.
- Lienholder's name and address.
- Proof of residency.

How much are the fees to register my vehicle?

Registration fees differ for each vehicle. Contact your town or city office.

Do I have to have my vehicle safety and emissions inspected?

Yes. All vehicles must be safety inspected by an Official Authorized Inspection Station. Antique vehicles (vehicles 40 years old or older) are inspected biennially. Vehicles that are newer than 1996 must be emissions inspected (RSA 266:1).

Titles

What is the process for obtaining a title in New Hampshire?

Title applications are prepared by a New Hampshire city or town clerk or a New Hampshire licensed dealer or a lending institution.

I have moved to New Hampshire, and my title is held by a lien holder. How can I obtain a New Hampshire title?

Contact the city or town clerk where you reside (town or city office).

I have moved to New Hampshire, and my title is held by an out-of-state lien holder. My plates have expired or are about to expire. What should I do?

You may be eligible for a 60-day, temporary plate.

Driver License or Non-Driver Identification Card

How can I obtain a New Hampshire driver license or non-driver identification card if I am a US Citizen?

All first time New Hampshire license applicants who are US Citizens and who hold a valid out-of-state driver's license may go to any DMV office and must bring proof of your identity and your NH residency for the type of driver license or non-driver identification card you are applying for (REAL ID compliant, or non-compliant and also must complete an Application For Driver License or Non-Driver ID Card (DSMV 450).

If applying for a Commercial Driver License, complete an Application For Commercial Driver License (DSMV 312).

How can I obtain a New Hampshire driver license or non-driver identification card if I am not a US Citizen?

All first time New Hampshire driver license applicants holding Visas, permanent resident cards, refugees, asylees and employment authorization card holders (EAD), must apply at:

NH Dept. of Safety
DMV - Driver Licensing
23 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH 03305
Telephone: (603) 227-4000

Am I required to turn in my out-of-state driver license or identification card to receive one from New Hampshire?

A person will not receive a New Hampshire driver license unless he/she surrenders to the NH DMV all valid driver licenses in his/her possession issued to him/her by any other state or jurisdiction (RSA 263:4).

Will I receive my driver license or non-driver identification card on the same day I apply?

All applicants will receive a 60-day paper temporary. The permanent license or non-driver identification card will be mailed to the applicant within 60 days.

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ATTACHMENT 3

IDENTITY AND RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

(Federally compliant)

Step 1 — 1 ITEM TO SHOW PROOF OF IDENTITY

- A birth certificate issued by **a city, town, state, court or federal agency** with a raised seal or stamp of the issuing authority (this would include US Citizens born abroad or a US Department of State issued birth certificate).
- Certificate of Naturalization
- A valid unexpired U.S. Passport or U.S. Passport Card

******HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR NAME DUE TO: MARRIAGE, DIVORCE, ADOPTION OR OTHER? (read below)**

An important part in getting your REAL ID is ensuring that the documents you are using to prove your identity and your NH residency all reflect your current name (first, middle, and last names) or you will need to show proof of your name change(s), such as marriage certificate(s), or Civil Union Certificate(s) issued by a state or government agency, divorce decree(s), authorization from a Probate Court, etc.

Step 2 — 1 ITEM TO SHOW PROOF OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

- Social Security card issued by the Social Security Administration (SSA). Social Security cards that are tattered and worn will not be accepted (must reflect current name)
- Paystub with full Social Security Number
- W-2 statement with full Social Security Number
- 1099 statement with full Social Security Number

Step 3 — 2 ITEMS TO SHOW PROOF OF NH RESIDENCY (for legal address provided on application)

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- Valid, unexpired NH Driver License or Non-Driver ID Card
- A title application prepared by a Town or City Clerk or Tax Collector (must not be marked "Non Resident")
- Valid NH Vehicle Registration Certificate (Boat Registration is not acceptable)
- Lease or rental agreement (properly signed by both parties), or a deed for the legal, physical address. ➡ A month-to-month lease must be dated within 60 days.
- Property Tax (real estate) bill for the current year
- Direct verification by a parent or guardian (if parent or guardian is not present, verification must be notarized)

➡ A notarized letter from a property owner or current resident
➡ A mortgage statement at the property
➡ Any current utility bill or delivery of service bill showing the legal, physical address
Gas (natural or propane), Electric, Oil, Water/Sewer, Cable/Dish Service or Telephone
➡ A government check or a government document issued by an official in the municipality (NH town or city) of residence
➡ A payroll check, payroll document, or employment contract

TRANSFERRING FROM ANOTHER STATE: The applicant's out-of-state Driver License must be relinquished (RSA 263:4).

UNDER 18: Driver Education Certificate, Parental Authorization Certificate, and Certification of Additional Supervised Driving are also required.

IDENTITY AND RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS
(Not Federally compliant)

Step 1 — 1 OR 2 ITEMS TO SHOW PROOF OF IDENTITY

- A birth certificate issued by **a city, town, state, court or federal agency** with a raised seal or stamp of the issuing authority (this would include US Citizens born abroad or a US Department of State issued birth certificate).
- Certificate of Naturalization
- A valid unexpired U.S. Passport or U.S. Passport Card
- A valid photo/digital image Driver License or Non- Driver Identification Card from another state
- A valid Military ID or Military Dependent ID

Please note: Driver privilege cards from other States are not acceptable as proof of identification

*****HAVE YOU EVER CHANGED YOUR NAME DUE TO: MARRIAGE, DIVORCE, ADOPTION OR OTHER? (read below)**

An important part of proving your identity and residency is ensuring that the documents you are using all reflect your current name (first, middle, and last names) or you will need to show proof of your name change(s), such as marriage certificate(s), or Civil Union Certificate(s) issued by a state or government agency, divorce decree(s), authorization from a Probate Court, etc.

Step 2 — 1 ITEM TO SHOW ADDITIONAL PROOF OF IDENTITY (not required if providing 2 from Step 1)

- Social Security card issued by the Social Security Administration (SSA). Social Security cards that are tattered and worn will not be accepted (must reflect your current name)
- Paystub with full Social Security Number
- W-2 statement with full Social Security Number
- 1099 statement with full Social Security Number
- A photo/digital image driver license that has not been expired for more than 1 year
- A current employee ID issued by the State of NH, or other photo identification issued by the United States Federal Government
- A Marriage Certificate or Civil Union Certificate issued by a state or government agency
- A Divorce Decree
- Current student photo/digital image ID card (must be current year)
- Military discharge papers/separation papers (for example: DD214)

Step 3 — 1 ITEM TO SHOW PROOF OF NH RESIDENCY (must show legal address as provided on application)

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- A title application prepared by a Town or City Clerk or Tax Collector (must not be marked "Non Resident")
- Valid NH Vehicle Registration Certificate (Boat Registration is not acceptable)
- Lease or rental agreement (properly signed by both parties), or a deed for the legal, physical address. ➡ A month-to-month lease must be dated within 60 days.
- Property Tax (real estate) bill for the current year
- Direct verification by a parent or guardian (if parent or guardian is not present, verification must be notarized)

➡ A notarized letter from a property owner or current resident
➡ A mortgage statement at the property address
➡ Any current utility bill or delivery of service bill showing the legal, physical address
Gas (natural or propane), Electric, Oil, Water/Sewer, Cable/Dish Service or Telephone
➡ A government check or a government document issued by an official in the municipality (NH town or city) of residence
➡ A payroll check, payroll document, or employment contract

TRANSFERRING FROM ANOTHER STATE: The applicant's out-of-state Driver License must be relinquished (RSA 263:4).
RENEWAL: Current Valid NH License ONLY or a NH license that has not been expired for more than one (1) year. If no license provided or no photo/digital image is on file, an identity document from Step 1 is required.
DUPLICATE: If photo/digital image is on file, nothing further is required. If no photo/digital image is on file, an identity document from Step 1 is required.
UNDER 18: Driver Education Certificate, Parental Authorization Certificate, and Certification of Additional Supervised Driving are also required.

- Department of Safety
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    - Education and Training
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Driver Licensing > Non-US Citizen > Permanent Residents, Asylee, Refugee, Employment Authorization Card

Permanent residents, I-551, asylees, refugees and Employment Authorization Card (EAD) holders who wish to apply for a New Hampshire driver license or a non-driver's identification card must submit an application to the Concord DMV office and provide the following documents:

1. Immigration Status

   Must provide an original Social Security Card and one of the following:
   - Valid I-94 departure card indicating refugee or asylee status.
   - Valid passport, visa and I-551 stamp with at least sixty (60 days) left before expiration.
   - Valid permanent resident card or valid employment authorization card (EAD) issued by the Bureau of Citizenship & Immigration Services (BCIS) with at least sixty (60 days) left before expiration.
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2. Driver License Status
   - Provide valid out-of-state, U.S. Territory, Canadian, or French driver license; or
   - Successfully complete and pass a vision, written and road test.
     - If you are under 18 years old you must complete a Driver Education course.
3. Proof of New Hampshire Residency for the type of driver license or non-driver identification card you are applying for (REAL ID compliant or non-compliant)

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ATTACHMENT 4

How to Register to Vote

Frequently Asked Questions

(Click anywhere on the question text to view the answer.)

Who can register to vote?

New Hampshire inhabitants who will be 18 years of age or older on the day of the next election, and a United States citizen. There is no minimum period of time you are required to have lived in the state before registering to vote. You may register as soon as you move into your new community.

If I attend college in New Hampshire, can I register to vote?

Yes. Please click here for additional information.

Where do I register to vote?

1) You may apply to your town or city clerk's office.

2) You may also register with your community's Supervisors of the Checklist. By law, the supervisors meet once, 6-13 days before each state election. Check your town/city website or call your clerk's office for the date, time, and location of the Supervisor's meeting. Click here for a list of town/city clerks and contact information.

3) Qualified individuals may register to vote, at any election, at their polling place on election day.

No matter when or where you register to vote, you will be required to fill out a New Hampshire voter registration form. You will be asked to show proof of identity, age, citizenship and domicile. This proof may be shown in paper or electronic form. If you do not have proof with you when registering, these qualifications may be established by signing affidavit(s).

Can I register absentee?

If you meet the state's qualifications and are unable to register in person because of disability or temporary absence, you may register by mail. You should request an absentee voter registration affidavit, New Hampshire voter registration form, and instructions from your town or city clerk. The completed absentee voter registration affidavit must be witnessed. You must return the completed affidavit, voter registration form, and copies of documents showing evidence of qualifications to your town or city clerk.

When is the last day I can register before a state election?

You may register at your polling place on election day. Before the election, the last day to register is the last meeting of the Supervisors of the Checklist. By law, the supervisors meet once, 6-13 days before each state election. Check your town/city website, or call your clerk's office for the date, time, and location of the Supervisor's meeting. Click here for a list of town/city clerks and their contact information.

Do I have to register for each election?

No. Once you have registered in your town or city ward, your name is added to the checklist for that town/ward for all future elections. If you move your domicile to a different town or ward, you will need to re-register in your new town/ward.