

I am now a United States citizen. How do I become a voter?

CONGRATULATIONS ON BECOMING A U.S. CITIZEN

The journey might have been long but you made it happen. And it doesn't stop here. As a citizen you have one of the most powerful tools to make your community better and to ensure a promising future for your loved ones: **THE RIGHT TO VOTE.**

Our power is in our numbers: [According to Pew Research Center one-in-ten voters in the US are naturalized citizens.](#) We are a powerful voting bloc and if we exercise our right to vote in every corner of the nation, we can determine who represents us in government and the direction the country will take for years to come.

STEPS TO MAKING SURE YOUR VOTE COUNTS

- 1 Register to vote**
You can do it in person, by mail or online visiting [vote411.org/register](https://www.vote411.org/register). It takes two minutes! Some states let you register in person on Election Day or during early voting but most require that you register in advance. Make sure you register before your state's deadline!
- 2 Learn about ways to cast your ballot**
Depending on the state you live in, you may be able to vote early by mail or in person. But voting in person the day of the election is always an option. All options are equally important and valid. It's just a matter of what is more convenient for you!
- 3 Make sure you learn about voter ID requirements**
You may need to provide ID to vote depending on the state you live in. A driver's license or state identification card are the most common forms of identification but there are other options determined by each state.
- 4 Learn about your candidates**
Research who is running for office in your area, for what positions, where they stand on the issues that you care about, and how they align with your values. Cast your vote for every position listed on your ballot. Just like the president, state and local elected officials have a huge impact on our daily lives.
- 5 Need assistance voting for the first time?**
Depending on your polling location, you may encounter bilingual poll workers and receive voting materials in different languages. If you need help to cast your ballot you can receive in-person assistance at the polls from the person of your choice. You can bring a family member or a friend. Read more about your voting rights [here](#).
- 6 Make a plan, vote, and share it out loud!**
Invite your friends and family to create their own voting plan. Cast your ballot and ensure your voice is heard. Post about your experience on social media using the hashtag **#NewAmericanVoter**.

Need help understanding the ballot?

Find an NPNA member at partnershipfornewamericans.org

For more information and to report any problems you encounter when voting, call our partners' national voter protection hotlines.

English: 866-our-vote (866-687-8683)

Spanish/English: 888-ve-y-vota (888-839-8682)

Arabic/English: 844-yalla-us (844-925-5287)

AAPI languages/English: 888-api-vote (888-274-8683)



← [Scan here to learn about the presidential candidates track record on immigrant inclusion.](#)