

VERMONT VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

(HOW TO FILL OUT THE Vermont APPLICATION FOR ADDITION TO THE CHECKLIST)

To be eligible to vote in Vermont you must: (Eligibility requirements are in 17 V.S.A. § 2121, 2122)

1. be a citizen of the United States;
2. be a resident of Vermont and a resident of the town in which you apply to be added to the checklist; (OR be a military or overseas voter qualified under the federal Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act whose last place of residence in the United States immediately prior to moving overseas was in a Vermont town or city);
3. take, or have previously taken, the Voter's Oath; and
4. be 18 years of age or older or will be eighteen on the day of election.

IF you are registering to vote for the 1st time in Vermont, and you are mailing this application to your town clerk individually, you must also submit a photocopy of one of the following forms of identification: current & valid photo identification or bank statement, utility bill, or government document that contains your name and current address.

You must include your Vermont DMV-issued Driver's License No. or Personal I.D. No. (VT PID#) on the voter application. If you do not have a VT PID# issued by DMV, then you must include the last 4 digits of your Social Security No. (SSN). **If you do not have either, please contact the Office of the Secretary of State.**

Where to File: Keep the pink copy, and submit the original(s) (the white and canary copies) of the form to the Town or City Clerk in the town or city in which you reside. Addresses are on the Secretary of State's web site, <http://www.sec.state.vt.us>, or call your town clerk, or call the Elections Division at (802) 828-2363 or (800) 439-8683. **YOU MUST REGISTER TO VOTE IN THE TOWN OR CITY WHERE YOU CURRENTLY RESIDE.**

When to File: The application must be received by 5:00 PM on the Wednesday immediately prior to the day of an election in order to vote in that election. Town clerks' offices are open from 3:00 PM until 5:00 PM on this Wednesday. If you apply through the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) or another voter registration agency, your application must be postmarked or accepted on or before the Wednesday preceding the election.

Getting on the Voter Checklist: You are not automatically registered to vote by filing this application. If the Town Clerk or the Board of Civil Authority finds that you meet the eligibility requirements you will be added to the checklist and become a registered voter. You will be notified in writing whether or not your application has been approved. If you have not received notification, call your town clerk. If you are not eligible, the Board must state the reason in writing and give you a chance to be reconsidered. If you are still denied, you can appeal in writing informally to a superior or district judge in your county. (No filing fee or lawyer is required.)

Voter's Oath: If you have previously voted in Vermont, do not take the voter's oath again. If not, the oath can be administered by a Town Clerk, Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, Commissioned Military Officer, any person over the age of 18, or by yourself. If you do not take oaths you may take it as an affirmation. The person who administered the oath, or you, if you are attesting for yourself that you have taken the oath, must date and sign the attestation in the box on the application form.

SERIOUS PENALTIES FOR FALSE INFORMATION ON AN APPLICATION TO THE CHECKLIST

It is unlawful to give false information concerning your qualifications to be a registered voter of a town or city in Vermont. The penalties are serious, including penalties of up to a \$10,000 fine or imprisonment for not more than fifteen years, or both.

Note to Town and City Clerks: The applicant retains the pink third page copy when the application is completed. **After the Town Clerk or BCA takes action, complete the bottom of the application form and mail a copy to the applicant.**

The laws relating to voter registration are in 17 V. S. A. §§2121-2150. If you have questions, call your town clerk or call the Elections Division, Office of the Secretary of State at (802) 828-2363, or (in Vermont) (800) 439-8683.

Note: If you were provided this form when you applied for or renewed a motor vehicle driver's license or by a voter registration agency you may decline to register. If you decline to register your failure to register will remain confidential and will be used only for voter registration purposes. The fact that you may have submitted this application in connection with a motor vehicle driver's license application or renewal, or through a voter registration agency will remain confidential and will be used only for voter registration purposes.