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How Voters can Prepare for November 8th General Election

Voters have until October 8th to [Register to Vote](#) in the General Election on November 8th.

Any eligible citizen with a South Carolina driver's license or South Carolina DMV ID card can register to vote online at scvotes.org. Voters can also download a voter registration by mail application or register to vote at the county Voter Registration and Elections Office

Here are some simple steps voters can take to get ready to vote in the General Election:

- Register to Vote – Online voter registration is available at [scVOTES.org](https://scvotes.org).
- Check your registration at [scVOTES.org](https://scvotes.org) – Make sure your registration is active and your address is up to date.
- Update your address – You can update your address using online voter registration.
- Review your sample ballot – Review your sample ballot at [scVOTES.org](https://scvotes.org) so you are ready to vote once you get to the booth
- Make sure you bring proper ID

Here's what voters need to know about Photo ID:

- If you are registered to vote and already have a South Carolina driver's license, a South Carolina DMV ID, a U.S. passport, or a federal military ID, you are ready to vote. Be sure to bring your Photo ID with you to the polls.
- If you don't have one of those photo IDs, you can help streamline your voting process by getting one before election day. You can get a free Photo ID from your county elections office or any South Carolina DMV location.
- If you can't get a Photo ID before election day, be sure to bring your non-photo voter registration card with you to the polls. This will allow you to sign an affidavit stating you had an impediment to obtaining a Photo ID. You can then vote a provisional ballot that will count, unless your affidavit is proven to be false.

Voters can also Vote by Absentee

Procedures for voting by absentee ballot:

Qualified voters (see below) may vote absentee in person or by mail. See scvotes.org for more details

In Person

Visit your [county voter registration office](#) , complete an application, and cast your ballot. You may vote absentee in person up until 5:00 p.m. on the day before the election. [Rules for photo ID required to vote at the polling place apply.](#)

By Mail

Follow these steps to vote absentee by mail. Photo ID is not required to vote absentee by mail.

Step 1: Get an absentee application in one of two ways:

- [Get the application online.](#) to get your application or the application of an immediate family member online. To get your application online, you must be able to print your application or save your application for printing later. You can also use this link to access your application to print again.
- [Request an application](#) for yourself or your immediate family member from [your county voter registration office](#) by phone, mail, email, or fax. You will be mailed an application.

Step 2: You've now printed your application online or received your application in the mail. You must now complete and sign the application and return it to your county voter registration office. You should return the application as soon as possible but no later than 5:00 p.m. on the 4th day prior to the election (the 4th day is Friday for all Tuesday elections). You may return the application by mail, email, fax, or personal delivery.

Step 3: Receive your absentee ballot in the mail.

Step 4: Vote the ballot following ballot instructions and return it to your county voter registration office by 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election. You may return the ballot personally or by mail. You may also have another person return the ballot for you, but you must first complete an authorization to return absentee ballot form, available from your county voter registration office.

EVERY VOTE MATTERS.
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