

# RE-ENFRANCHISEMENT

Effective April 18, 2018, the Governor's Office will consider all individuals released from incarceration onto parole supervision for a voting restoration pardon. Individuals currently under parole supervision may already have been issued a voting restoration pardon. Going forward, the Governor's Office will review all individuals who enter the parole system for the conditional pardon on a monthly basis.

## VOTING FAQ

### Can I vote while on parole?

People on parole in New York State are automatically reviewed for a conditional pardon that restores their right to vote. The list of people on parole will be updated on a monthly basis.

To check if your voting rights have been restored, you can search online by name: [tinyurl.com/y9cdghqe](http://tinyurl.com/y9cdghqe). To learn more about the process, check out this fact sheet from the Legal Action Center: [tinyurl.com/yd7nj9qa](http://tinyurl.com/yd7nj9qa).

### Why vote?

Every vote matters. Some local elections are decided by a few hundred votes, so voter registration and turnout have a real impact.

### Once I've been granted my conditional pardon, am I automatically able to vote?

No. Before you can cast your ballot to vote, you must also register to vote. If you were registered to vote before you were incarcerated, you still need to re-register. To vote in a specific election, you must register before the registration deadline.

### Can I vote with a misdemeanor or felony conviction?

If you're back home and not on parole, you can vote no matter your conviction. If you are on parole you can vote if: (1) you received a voting restoration pardon—which almost everyone on parole and in good standing receives, OR (2) you have a certificate of relief or good conduct. If you are in jail awaiting trial or serving time for a misdemeanor or violation, you may vote by mail with an absentee ballot. If you are in jail or prison for a felony conviction and do not have a certificate of relief for that conviction, you cannot vote until you come home.

### How do I register?

You can register by mail by submitting a completed registration form:

- + English form: [tinyurl.com/gkp6wtd](http://tinyurl.com/gkp6wtd)
- + Spanish form: [tinyurl.com/yajssyej](http://tinyurl.com/yajssyej)
- + If you have a valid New York State license, you can register online: [tinyurl.com/zp9a249](http://tinyurl.com/zp9a249)

### What's the deadline to register?

The registration deadline depends on the election. You must register 25 days before the next election in which you want to vote. For a list of upcoming elections and registration deadlines, see: [www.elections.ny.gov](http://www.elections.ny.gov).

### Where do I vote?

Polling places are located throughout the city. You can only vote at your designated polling place, which is based on your address. Make sure your address is up to date.

### How do I find my polling place?

- + Search online here: [tinyurl.com/bslcosh](http://tinyurl.com/bslcosh)
- + Call 1.866.VOTE.NYC
- + Email the Board of Elections with your home address to [vote@boe.nyc.ny.us](mailto:vote@boe.nyc.ny.us) and you will receive an e-mail with your polling place location.

### Does my employer have to give me time off to vote?

Your employer is required to give you two hours off to vote if you don't already have four consecutive hours off from the time the polls open to the time they close. Polls are open in New York City from 6am-9pm. You must request time off from your employer in advance.