Registering to Vote in Clark County

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**Are you registered to vote?**

- **No or I don't know.**
  - **Are you eligible to register to vote in the United States?**
    - **No.**
      - Then you are not allowed to register to vote.
    - **Yes.**
      - **Do you meet the Clark County residency requirement?**
        - **No.**
          - Then you are not eligible to register in Clark County but you may be somewhere else.
        - **Yes.**
          - **Do you meet the precinct residency requirement?**
            - **No.**
              - Then you are not eligible to register in your precinct but you may be somewhere else.
            - **Yes.**
              - **Have you been declared mentally incompetent by a court of law?**
                - **No.**
                  - Then you are not allowed to register to vote in Clark County. (If you were later declared competent, check on your rights.)
                - **Yes.**
                  - Then you are not allowed to register to vote.

**Yes or I think so.**

- **Any recent life changes?**
  - **moved, turned/turning 18,**
    - **entered the military,**
      - **went on active duty,**
        - **changed name,**
          - **convicted of a crime,**
            - **became a U.S. citizen,**
              - **became homeless**
                - **Received registration confirmation?**
                  - **Yes.**
                    - You may want to confirm your registration online or in person just to be sure.
                  - **No.**
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**Does the Secretary of State’s website show you as being registered at your current address?**

- **Look closely, you must be registered at your current address.**
  - **Yes.**
    - Then you are not eligible to register in your precinct but you may be somewhere else.
  - **No.**
    - Then you are not allowed to register in your precinct.

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Why aren’t you registered at your current address?
- You have never been registered before.
- You were registered before but are not registered now.

Why haven’t you been registered to vote before?
- You were convicted of a felony before you registered to vote for the first time.
- Your voting rights were taken away after you were convicted of a felony.

Why aren’t you registered anymore?
- You moved to Nevada from another state and haven’t registered to vote in Nevada yet.
- You are homeless and live at a place with no address like a park or a shelter.
- Your registration was cancelled after you did not vote in two federal elections in a row.

Have your voting rights been restored?
- No or I don’t know.
- Yes.

Do you have proof?
- Yes. (See list of acceptable documents.)
- No.

You should take steps right away to obtain proof because the process can take some time.

You should re-register online or in person.
You will need to check the list for specific requirements for your status group.

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You were convicted of a felony.

Did you receive an unconditional pardon?

No.

Were you convicted in Nevada, another state, or in federal court?

Another state.

Nevada.

Federal court.

Once your right to vote is restored in the other state, you should be able to register in Nevada. You will need to provide written proof.

Were you convicted before or after July 1, 2003?

Before.

After.

Was your felony conviction for a category A or B felony resulting in substantial bodily harm OR two or more felonies arising from different acts?

No.

Have you been _______?

Yes.

No.

_____ discharged from probation?

Yes.

No.

_____ discharged from parole?

Yes.

No.

Honorable?

Yes.

No.

_____ released from prison?

Yes.

No.

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## Registration Information for Special Status Groups

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<td><strong>First-Time Voters</strong></td>
<td>Must prove identity and residence. During registration you should include either the last four digits of your Social Security number or your current and valid Nevada Drivers License number on the form. If you don’t, you will need to show a photo ID the first time you vote.</td>
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<td><strong>Homeless Nevadans</strong></td>
<td>If the place you stay does not have a street address or you have to stay in more than one place, give (1) identify the place where you usually stay PLUS (2) an address of any location, including a shelter or advocacy organization, where someone agrees to accept your mail.</td>
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<td><strong>Nevadan Attending College Out of State</strong></td>
<td>Best option is to register using the Federal Voter Registration Application, available online at the Election Assistance Commission (<a href="http://www.eac.gov/assets/1/Documents/Federal%20Voter%20Registration_1209_en8242012.pdf">http://www.eac.gov/assets/1/Documents/Federal%20Voter%20Registration_1209_en8242012.pdf</a>). Use the instructions for Nevada and follow the guidelines for completing the application, including using your Nevada residence address. Once completed, mail it back to your local County Clerk/Registrar of Voters' office.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>New U.S. Citizen</strong></td>
<td>Register by mail, either by printing the forms online or by having them mailed to you, or in person. Since you must actually sign your voter registration form, there is no way to register completely online.</td>
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<td><strong>Person with a Felony Conviction</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Prisoner with a Misdemeanor Conviction</strong></td>
<td>Use a mail in voter registration form. Request and use an absentee ballot to vote.</td>
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<td><strong>Senior Citizen</strong></td>
<td>Must register in person if you move to Nevada from another state and do not have a drivers license</td>
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*Note:* A sworn and notarized affidavit signed by you stating that you have not been convicted of a felony or that your right to vote has been restored may be submitted if you do not have and are unable to obtain the required documents in time to register to vote. Caution: If you make a mistake, you have given fraudulent information when registering to vote, which is a felony, so you need to be very sure before signing and filing an affidavit.
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Registration Information for People with Felony Convictions

If you have a felony conviction, you must provide written proof to the Clark County Election Department that your voting rights have been restored in order to register.

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<th>Dishonorably Discharged from Parole or Probation (Nevada conviction)</th>
<th>You should contact the Parole and Probation Department. You should be able to get your voting rights restored by paying restitution or supervision fees. This requires an application and approval by the Division. If it was for financial reasons and you are unable to pay, it may be possible to get hardship relief. Once your status is changed to honorable, you should be able to register to vote.</th>
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<td><strong>Nevada Felony Conviction (but NOT category A or B felony resulting in substantial bodily harm &amp; NOT two or more felonies arising from different acts) PLUS [SEE BELOW]</strong></td>
<td>Your rights should be automatically restored and you should be able to register. AND [SEE BELOW]</td>
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<td>• Honorable Discharge from Probation</td>
<td>• You should submit your Voter Registration together with a copy of your Petition and Order for Honorable Discharge via postal mail to: Clark County Election Department, Attention: Cathy Smith, Clark County Election Department, P.O. Box 3909, Las Vegas, NV 89127-3909.</td>
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<td>• Honorable Discharge from Parole</td>
<td>• You should submit your Voter Registration together with a copy of your Final Discharge from Parole via postal mail to: Clark County Election Department, Attention: Cathy Smith, Clark County Election Department, P.O. Box 3909, Las Vegas, NV 891273909.</td>
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<td>• Release from Prison</td>
<td>• You should submit your Voter Registration together with a copy of your Certificate of Discharge via postal mail to: Clark County Election Department, Attention: Cathy Smith, Clark County Election Department, P.O. Box 3909, Las Vegas, NV 89127-3909.</td>
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<td><strong>Nevada Felony Conviction WITH a category A or B felony resulting in substantial bodily harm OR two or more felonies arising from different acts</strong></td>
<td>You have the right to petition a court for the restoration of your voting rights. You should consider seeking legal advice from an attorney because there may be time limits and other requirements. It is up to the judge to decide whether or not to grant an order restoring your right to vote.</td>
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<td>Pardoned with an Unconditional Pardon (Nevada conviction)</td>
<td>Your rights should be automatically restored and you should be able to register. You should submit your Voter Registration together with a copy of your Unconditional Pardon (or an Affidavit) via postal mail to: Clark County Election Department, Attention: Cathy Smith, Clark County Election Department, P.O. Box 3909, Las Vegas, NV 89127-3909.</td>
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<td>Person with a Felony Conviction in Another State</td>
<td>Must get your right to vote restored in the state of conviction before you can register to vote in Nevada and show proof of restoration to register.</td>
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<td>Person with Nevada Felony Conviction + Completed Sentence before July 1, 2003</td>
<td>• Your rights should be automatically restored and you should be able to register. You should submit your Voter Registration together with a copy of your Certificate of Discharge verifying that you completed your sentence before July 1, 2003, via postal mail to: Clark County Election Department, Attention: Cathy Smith, Clark County Election Department, P.O. Box 3909, Las Vegas, NV 89127-3909.</td>
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Register, Check Your Registration, Update Your Information

Checking Registration or Registering ONLINE: Nevada Secretary of State’s website (https://nvsos.gov/sosvoterservices/Registration/Step1.aspx)

Register IN PERSON at the Clark County Election Department Office, Clark County Government Center, First Floor, Suite 1113, 500 South Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, 8 am – 5 pm Mon. – Fri. (or other registration locations)

Key Dates for REGISTRATION

May 10, 2014 – Last day to register to vote or to update your existing registration for the PRIMARY ELECTION, without having to appear in-person at the Election Department offices, or without having to register on the Secretary of State’s Internet site.

May 11 – 20, 2014 – Register or update existing registration for the PRIMARY ELECTION only: (1) In-person at the Election Department offices; or (2) On the the Secretary of State’s Internet site.

June 3, 2014 (postmark date) – Last day for military personnel, military spouses and children over 18, and overseas residents to submit a FPCA for the June 10, 2014 Federal/State Primary Election to register to vote or update existing registration, and to request a mail/absentee ballot. DO NOT DELAY - THE SOONER, THE BETTER!

October 4, 2014 – Last day to register to vote or to update your existing registration for the GENERAL ELECTION, without having to appear in-person at the Election Department offices, or without having to register on the Secretary of State site.

October 5 – 14, 2014 – Register or update existing registration for the GENERAL ELECTION only: (1) In-person at the Election Department offices; or (2) On the the Secretary of State's Internet site.

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Key Dates for VOTING

May 24 – June 6, 2014 – PRIMARY ELECTION EARLY VOTING: Any voter registered in Clark County may vote at any early voting site within the County. Hours and days vary by location.

JUNE 3, 2014 – Mail/Absentee Ballot Request Deadline: Last day for the Election Department to RECEIVE WRITTEN mail ballot requests.

JUNE 10, 2014 – PRIMARY ELECTION (FEDERAL/STATE): Vote 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Election Day at Your Assigned Polling Place.

October 18 – 31, 2014 – GENERAL ELECTION EARLY VOTING: Any voter registered in Clark County may vote at any early voting site within the County. Hours and days vary by location.

October 28, 2014 – Mail/Absentee Ballot Request Deadline: Last day for the Election Department to RECEIVE WRITTEN mail ballot requests.

NOVEMBER 4, 2014 – GENERAL ELECTION (FEDERAL/STATE): Vote 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Election Day at Your Assigned Polling Place.

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Resources / Sources:
• Cathy Smith, Clark County Election Department, http://www.clarkcountynv.gov/Depts/election/Pages/Felons.aspx, (702) 455-0075
• Las Vegas Chapter of the National Bar Association website, http://lasvegasnba.org