

REGISTERING TO VOTE IN ARIZONA

What You Need to Know About Arizona's Documentary Proof of Citizenship Requirement

In June 2018, the Secretary of State of Arizona and the Maricopa County Recorder agreed to ease Arizona's overly burdensome voter registration process. Here's what you need to know to register to vote going forward.

Do I need documentary proof of citizenship (DPOC) to register to vote?

You do NOT need DPOC to register to vote in *federal* elections but you DO need DPOC to vote in *state and local* elections. If you have DPOC, you should provide a copy of it. But if you do not have DPOC, you should still register to vote and you will be able to vote in federal elections (e.g. President, Senator, Congressperson).

What counts as DPOC?

- Driver's license number (you can write this on your registration form)
- Photocopy of birth certificate
- Photocopy of U.S. passport
- Naturalization documents or naturalization certificate number
- Tribal card number, including number on Indian affairs card, tribal treaty card or tribal enrollment card (you can write this number on your registration form)

What if I don't have any DPOC?

You can still register to vote using any of the methods described on the next page. You will be registered for *federal elections only* (e.g. President, Senator, Congressperson) until you are able to provide a form of DPOC.

If the Arizona Motor Vehicles Division has proof of your citizenship in their database, you will be registered for *all* elections (federal, state, and local).

What if I don't have my DPOC with me when I want to register to vote?

That's OK! You should still register to vote to make sure you do so before the deadline to register, which is 29 days before any election.

If you submit your registration form without DPOC, you will receive a notice in the mail from your County Recorder asking for DPOC along with a form for submitting it.

You can provide your DPOC to the County Recorder *after* the registration deadline and still qualify to vote for all elections. **You have until 5 p.m. Thursday before Election Day** to submit your DPOC.

Remember, regardless of DPOC, you can still vote in federal elections!

How do I submit DPOC after I've already submitted a voter registration form?

You should receive a notice in the mail from your County Recorder that includes a form to accompany your DPOC. You can submit your DPOC by mail with that form.

You can also go in person to the County Recorder to submit your DPOC.

What if I submit DPOC but miss the deadline for submitting DPOC before an election?

You will only be able to vote in federal elections for this election.

You will be able to vote in federal, state, and local elections in future elections.

What if I submit DPOC but I've already received a federal only ballot in the mail?

You have the right to vote using a provisional ballot and vote in *all* elections on the ballot or you can vote your federal only ballot.

What if I have moved from another county and need to change my voter registration?

You need to re-submit your DPOC with your new registration. By 2020, the system will be automated so this will not be necessary but for now, re-submit your DPOC.

What if I have an Arizona driver's license but I got it before I became a citizen?

If you recently became a citizen and you received your driver's license *before* you naturalized, your driver's license data will indicate that you are not a citizen. Therefore, you need to submit a copy of your naturalization documents either with your registration or afterwards in order to ensure you are registered to vote.

What if my registration form was already rejected because I didn't provide DPOC?

You should re-register to vote.

Under a new legal agreement reached with the state, you are now entitled to register for at least federal elections if you submit your registration without DPOC.

How do I register to vote anyway?

- **Mail:** You can send in any state or federal voter registration form by mail to your County Recorder's office. They are available here: https://azsos.gov/sites/default/files/voter_registration_form.pdf and <https://www.eac.gov/voters/national-mail-voter-registration-form/>
- **In person:** You can visit your County Recorder's office and register there.
- **Online:** You can register to vote through the online system: <https://servicearizona.com/webapp/evoter/selectLanguage>. You can only use this system if you have an AZ driver's license or ID card.
- **MVD or Other Agency:** You can register to vote at the Motor Vehicles Division. You can also register at other agencies, such as disability or Medicaid offices.
- **Voter Registration Drive:** If someone in your community is running a voter registration drive, you can use their assistance to register to vote.

Are you sure I can register without DPOC for federal elections? The state registration form says any registration application without DPOC will be rejected.

Yes, you can register without DPOC for federal elections. The state has recently changed its procedures and is updating the registration form.