

Voter Frequently Asked Questions

Where can I register to vote?

You can register to vote at the Town Clerk's Office, Monday through Friday during regular business hours. Supervisors of the Checklist registration sessions will be held periodically prior to elections. These dates will be published in the Portsmouth Herald, and posted at the Town Hall and on the Town website. You may also register to vote on election day (excluding Town and school deliberative sessions).

Where do I go to vote?

All Town and State elections are held at Greenland Central School, 70 Post Road, Greenland. The polling hours are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Deliberative Sessions for the Town and School are also held at the School; dates will be posted.

Who can vote in Greenland?

You need to be at least 18 years of age, a US citizen, and a resident of the Town of Greenland.

What documents do I need to register?

You will need to provide proof of age, citizenship, and residency. You must also provide a photo ID that proves your identity. In most cases, a current valid NH driver's license with a Greenland street address will satisfy these requirements. If you were not born in the US, you will need to provide a US passport or naturalization papers to prove citizenship. If you are unable to provide any of the above documents, we have affidavits that you may sign, under penalty of perjury, that the information you are providing to us is true and accurate.

What if I was not born in the United States?

Naturalization papers will prove your citizenship. If you were born overseas to parents in the US armed services, please provide documentation of this occurrence. A US passport will also suffice.

What if I have just moved to Town, and have not had my new address legally changed on my driver's license by the DMV?

You may bring in another document that has your current Greenland street address on it, such as a utility bill, car registration, etc. in addition to your existing driver's license. If you are unable to provide one of the above documents, we have affidavits that you may sign, under penalty of perjury, that the information you are providing to us is true and accurate.

Who is eligible to vote by absentee ballot?

You may only request an absentee ballot if you are unable to come to the polls because of work, illness, injury, religious observance or if you will be out of town from 8:00a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.

How do I vote by absentee ballot?

Absentee ballots are available from the Town Clerk's Office approximately three to four weeks prior to an election. You may request the absentee ballot application from the Town Clerk or you may submit a request in writing which should include all the information that is required on the application: your name, voting address, mailing address, and your signature. A written request for an absentee ballot may also be transmitted by fax or email. Clerks may accept completed absentee ballots submitted in

person until 5:00p.m. the day before an election or until 5:00 p.m. on Election Day if received through the mail.

How do I vote if I'm in the Armed Services?

An armed service voter may apply for an absentee ballot from the Town Clerk of the town in which he/she was domiciled immediately prior to entering the service. Armed service voters are eligible to vote for all offices (see F.P.C.A. information below).

Can I vote if I'm an overseas citizen?

Any person who is domiciled outside the United States has the right to register and vote absentee in any federal election (President, United States Senator, United States Representative) in the town or city in New Hampshire in which they had their domicile immediately prior to their departure from the United States, even though the person no longer maintains a domicile in said city or town and even though their intent to return is uncertain (see F.P.C.A. information below).

How do I register to vote by absentee registration?

If you meet the State's voter requirements and qualifications and are unable to register in person because of physical disability, religious beliefs, military service, or because of temporary absence, you may register by mail. You should request an absentee voter registration affidavit and a standard voter registration form from your Town Clerk. The absentee voter registration affidavit must be witnessed, and the affidavit and the voter registration form are to be returned to the Town Clerk.

What is F.P.C.A., and what is it used for?

F.P.C.A. is a Federal Post Card Application and it is used by Uniformed (Armed Services) and Overseas Citizens. You may also use it if you are a student temporarily out of the U.S. You can download this form on the NH State website at <http://sos.nh.gov/electforms.aspx>. You can send the F.P.C.A. in via regular mail or email. Once we receive the F.P.C.A., we will send you the ballot via regular mail or email, depending on what you have checked off. (If you are out of the country, and you check off email, you will receive the ballot instantly). You do have to mail your marked ballot back via regular mail, or, if you prefer, priority, express, or overnight. You cannot return the completed ballot back via email. The F.P.C.A. will also take care of voter registration if you are not registered to vote.

For further information, please check the NH State Website at <http://sos.nh.gov>