

# Voter Registration

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## Background

Senate Bill 113 was passed to allow online voter pre-registration for eligible 16 and 17 year olds. California eligible youth are now able to pre-register by applying through the [registertovote.ca.gov](http://registertovote.ca.gov). Online pre-registration allows eligible California youth to complete the online voter registration form providing sufficient time and opportunity to get them ready to vote.

For information regarding...	Refer to....
Pre-registration	<a href="http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/pre-register-16-vote-18/">http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/pre-register-16-vote-18/</a>
General registration	<a href="https://www.sos.ca.gov/">https://www.sos.ca.gov/</a>

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## Voter pre-registration

Voter pre-registration is available to California youth who are 16 or 17 years old and meet the following criteria:

- A United States citizen
- A resident of California
- Not current imprisoned or on parole for the conviction of a felony and
- Not prohibited from voting by a court because of mental incompetency.

Pre-registration:

- does not change the voting age, which is still 18 years old.
- should always reflect the youth's current residence.

If a youth moves, the youth will need to update their pre-registration application. If a youth have only moved temporarily, the youth can continue to use the permanent residence whether the youth had pre-registered to vote.

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**Voter  
registration**

To register to vote in California, youth/NMDs must be:

- A United States citizen and a resident of California
- 18 years old or older on Election Day,
- Not currently in state or federal prison or on parole, for the conviction of a felony (for more information, refer to [Voting Rights: Persons with a Criminal History](#)), and
- Not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court (for more information, refer to [Voting Rights: Persons Subject to Conservatorship](#)).

Youth/NMDs can apply for pre-registration or general registration by completing one of the following.

- Online application at <http://registertovote.ca.gov>.
- Voter Registration Card (VRC) application, which is available at [local county elections offices](#), [libraries](#), Department of Motor Vehicles ([DMV](#)) offices, or [U.S. Post Offices](#).

SW staff may assist with completing either applications, and may provide a VRC application to a youth/NMD.

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**Alignment with  
SET**

This policy aligns with SET [Value 3](#) of helping children and youth achieve their full potential by focusing on their well-being while in our care.

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