



MALDEF ELECTION GUIDE

MARYLAND – 2026



ELECTION DAY

Tues, Nov 3

POLLS OPEN

7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

WAYS TO VOTE

By Mail · Early · In Person

KEY DEADLINES — BE AWARE

Oct 13

Voter Registration
By Mail or Online*

Oct 22

Early Voting
Begins

Oct 27

Mail Ballot Application
By Mail or Fax**

Oct 29

Early Voting
Ends

Nov 3

Election Day

*You can still register to vote & vote at your local polling place on Election Day or at your general registrar or early voting location during early voting.

**If you want to receive your mail-in ballot via email, you must submit a request online by Oct. 30.



Who can vote?

U.S. citizen + Registered + 18+ on Election Day

+ Maryland resident



Can I vote by mail?

Yes. To get a ballot by mail, your local elections board must receive your request by Oct. 27. To get a printable ballot by email, your request must be received by Oct. 30. To count, the completed ballot must be postmarked by Nov. 3, or delivered (in dropbox or by hand) by 8 p.m. on Nov. 3.



Do I need ID to vote in person?

Generally, no. Maryland only requires ID in specific situations: for example, first-time voters who registered by mail and did not provide the required proof of identity, or voters using same-day registration during early voting or on Election Day (must show proof of residence).



If asked, what ID is acceptable?

Acceptable IDs include a Maryland driver's license or ID, U.S. passport, military ID, government-issued photo ID, or a document with your name and address (utility bill, bank statement, government check, etc.).

ESP

Help in Spanish? ¿Ayuda en español?

You are entitled to Spanish-language assistance in Prince George's, Baltimore, Montgomery, and Anne Arundel counties, and Baltimore City.

Tienes derecho a recibir asistencia en español en los condados de Prince George's, Montgomery, Baltimore y Anne Arundel y en la ciudad de Baltimore.

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Can someone help me vote?

Yes. If you are disabled or need help with English, you may bring anyone you choose to assist you — except your employer or a union representative. The helper does not need to be a registered voter.



Not on voter list? Problem with ID?

Ask for a provisional ballot. If you voted provisionally, you must submit proof of residence or ID to your local board of elections by 10 a.m. on the 2nd Wednesday after Election Day.



What if I have a felony conviction?

You can vote *if* you have completed your prison sentence. You are eligible to vote as soon as you are released from the correctional facility, even if you are on probation, parole, or mandatory release supervision.

SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION



Register /
Update Registration



Vote By Mail



Find Early Voting
Locations



Find Nov. 3
Polling Place



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en español



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