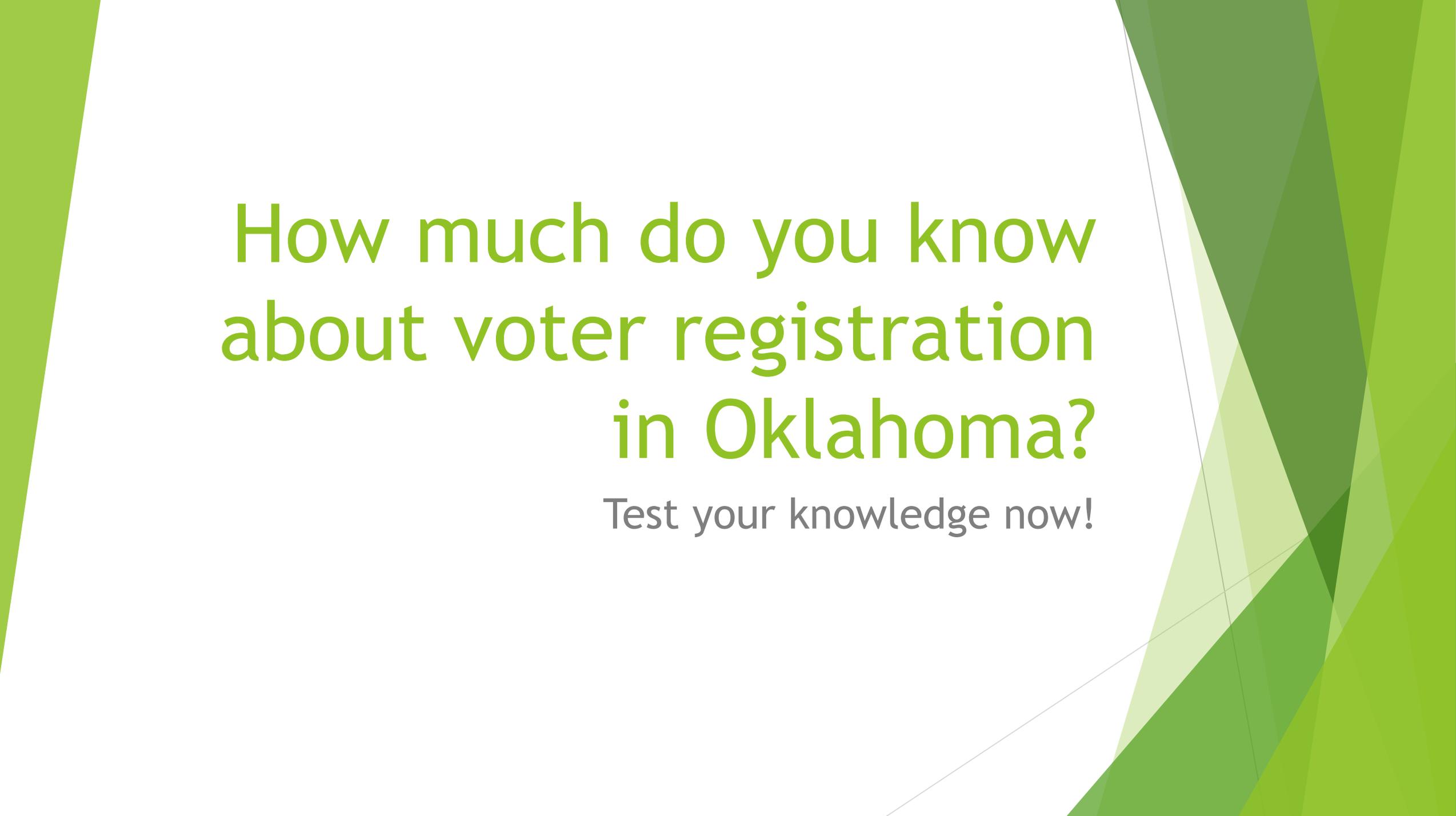




Voter Registration in Oklahoma

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How much do you know about voter registration in Oklahoma?

Test your knowledge now!

1. You must _____ to be eligible to register to vote in Oklahoma.

- a) Be at least 18 years old on election day
- b) Be at least 21 years old on election day
- c) Have graduated from high school on election day

Answer: You must _____ to be eligible to register to vote in Oklahoma.

a) Be at least 18 years old on election day

Discussion: You must _____ to be eligible to register to vote in Oklahoma.

If you are at least 18 years old, a United States citizen and a resident of Oklahoma, you are eligible to apply to become a registered voter in Oklahoma. However, if you have been convicted of a felony you are not eligible to become a registered voter until your sentence has expired. Also, if a judge has declared in court that you are an incapacitated person, you are not eligible to become a registered voter.

2. You must _____ to become a registered voter in Oklahoma.

- a) Have lived in the state for at least 3 months
- b) Have lived in the state for at least 30 days
- c) Now live in the state

Answer: You must _____ to become a registered voter in Oklahoma.

c) Now live in the state

Discussion: You must _____ to become a registered voter in Oklahoma.

You are not required to live in Oklahoma for any specified length of time before being eligible to apply for voter registration.

3. You may apply _____ for voter registration.

- a) By mail or in person
- b) By telephone
- c) Only in person at the County Election Board office

Answer: You may apply _____ for voter registration.

a) By mail or in person

Discussion 1: You may apply _____ for voter registration.

You may apply for voter registration by mail. Voter registration application forms are available in many locations, including the post office, tag agencies, and libraries. The forms also may be downloaded from the State Election Board website:

www.oklahoma.gov/elections.

Discussion 2: You may apply _____ for voter registration.

You also may apply in person for voter registration at any County Election Board office and at all tag agencies. When you apply for or renew your Oklahoma driver license or state identification card, you will be asked whether you also want to register to vote. If you apply for certain kinds of government assistance, you will be asked whether you want to register to vote.

Discussion 3: You may apply _____ for voter registration.

Voter registration drives are often conducted at public community events such as county fairs. You may apply for voter registration at any of these registration drives as well.

4. You may apply _____ for voter registration.

- a) At any time
- b) Only the last 60 days before an election
- c) Only when applying for a driver license

Answer: You may apply _____ for voter registration.

a) At any time

5. Your application for voter registration must be received by election officials _____ in order to become eligible to vote in an election.

- a) By election day
- b) Ten days before the election
- c) More than 24 days before the election

Answer: Your application for voter registration must be received by election officials _____ in order to become eligible to vote in an election.

c) More than 24 days before the election

Discussion 1: Your application for voter registration must be received by election officials _____ in order to become eligible to vote in an election.

You may submit your voter registration application form at any time. However, if your application is received by election officials 24 days or less before an election, you will not become a registered voter until after the election.

Discussion 2: Your application for voter registration must be received by election officials _____ in order to become eligible to vote in an election.

In Oklahoma, you can pre-register to vote if you are at least 17 ½ years old, but your registration will not become valid and you cannot vote until you are 18 years old.

Your voter registration application must be postmarked or received by an authorized voter registration agency or by the State Election Board more than 24 days before the election.

6. You must decide _____ before submitting the application for voter registration.

- a) In which elections you will vote
- b) For whom to vote in the next election
- c) Whether to register as a member of a recognized political party, with a political organization, or as an Independent (nonpartisan) voter

Answer: You must decide _____ before submitting the application for voter registration.

- c) Whether to register as a member of a recognized political party, with a political organization, or as an Independent (nonpartisan) voter

Discussion 1: You must decide _____ before submitting the application for voter registration.

You must state your political affiliation when you apply for voter registration. You may register as a member of any political party recognized under Oklahoma law. The names of recognized political parties are printed on the official Oklahoma Voter Registration Application form. If you write in the name of a political party that is not recognized in Oklahoma, your application still will be processed and you will become registered as an Independent (nonpartisan) voter.

Discussion 2: You must decide _____ before submitting the application for voter registration.

As a registered member of a political party, you may vote for that party's candidates in primary and runoff primary elections. Registered political party members may not vote for another party's candidates in primary elections.

Discussion 3: You must decide _____ before submitting the application for voter registration.

Independent (no party) voters generally may not vote in party primaries. However, every two years, political parties may opt to allow Independent (no party) voters to vote in primary elections during the following two years.

Visit the State Election Board's website to find out if any parties allow Independent voters in their primaries at this time.

Discussion 4: You must decide _____ before submitting the application for voter registration.

You also may register as a member of certain political organizations. A political organization is not a political party, and it cannot place candidates on the ballot. Voters registered in political organizations may vote only on nonpartisan races and questions at primary and runoff primary elections.

Discussion 5: You must decide _____ before submitting the application for voter registration.

All voters may vote on nonpartisan races and questions at primary and runoff primary elections.

Discussion 6: You must decide _____ before submitting the application for voter registration.

The number of recognized political parties and political organizations may change from election year to election year. Contact the State Election Board or your County Election Board for a list of currently recognized political parties and political organizations.

7. After applying for voter registration, you will become a registered voter _____.

- a) After the next election
- b) When the County Election Board issues a voter identification card
- c) When the State Election Board verifies that all the information on the application is correct

Answer: After applying for voter registration, you will become a registered voter _____.

- b) When the County Election Board issues a voter identification card

Discussion 1: After applying for voter registration, you will become a registered voter _____.

You will know that your application for voter registration has been approved and that you have become a registered voter when you receive your voter identification card in the mail from the County Election Board. Your voter identification card will show your name, address, precinct number, political affiliation and the location of your polling place. When you receive your voter identification card, examine it carefully and report any mistakes to the County Election Board immediately. Then, keep your voter identification card in a safe place and be sure to take it with you when you go to vote.

Discussion 2: After applying for voter registration, you will become a registered voter _____.

If the County Election Board cannot approve your application for voter registration, you will receive a letter that explains why your application cannot be approved. If your application is not approved, it may be because you left some important information off the form. In this case, if you provide the missing information, your application still can be approved.

8. After receiving your voter identification card, you will remain registered _____.

- a) Forever
- b) For four years
- c) If you vote regularly

Answer: After receiving your voter identification card, you will remain registered _____.

c) If you vote regularly

Discussion: After receiving your voter identification card, you will remain registered _____.

After you become a registered voter, you are eligible to vote in federal, state, county, municipal and school district elections. You will remain registered as long as you vote regularly. Even if you don't vote, you will remain registered if you respond to periodic mailings from the County Election Board to confirm that your address is still the same.

9. If you move or change your name or political affiliation, you must _____ to change your voter registration information.

- a) Write the new information on your voter identification card
- b) Submit a new voter registration application showing the new information
- c) Submit a notarized statement to the County Election Board

Answer: If you move or change your name or political affiliation, you must _____ to change your voter registration information.

- b) Submit a new voter registration application showing the new information

Discussion: If you move or change your name or political affiliation, you must _____ to change your voter registration information.

If you move, or if you change your name or your political affiliation, you must fill out a new voter registration application form with the new information. After the County Election Board approves the new application form, you will receive a new voter identification card.

Discussion 2: If you move or change your name or political affiliation, you must _____ to change your voter registration information.

Beginning in September, 2018, if you are already registered to vote, you may update some registration information online, including your residence address (if it is in the same county as your previous address), mailing address, and party affiliation.

10. When you become a registered voter, you _____ in most elections.

- a) May vote at any polling place in the state
- b) May vote only in person at the polling place
- c) May vote in person at the polling place that has the record of your registration or you may vote by absentee ballot

Answer: When you become a registered voter, you _____ in most elections.

- c) May vote in person at the polling place that has the record of your registration or you may vote by absentee ballot

Discussion 1: When you become a registered voter, you _____ in most elections.

On election day, you may vote only at the polling place for the precinct where you are registered. Only that polling place has the record of your voter registration. You may vote by absentee ballot instead of voting at the polling place.

Discussion 2: When you become a registered voter, you _____ in most elections.

Absentee ballots are mailed to voters prior to the election and are returned by mail to the County Election Board. Voters who live in nursing homes receive their absentee ballots from an Absentee Voting Board that visits them a few days before an election. Any voter may vote an absentee ballot in person at the County Election Board office on certain days before an election.

11. In order to vote by absentee ballot, you must _____.

- a) Prove you have a disability or are physically incapacitated
- b) Request absentee ballots from your County Election Board
- c) Have a good excuse, like you're going on vacation

Answer: In order to vote by absentee ballot, you must _____.

- b) Request absentee ballots from your County Election Board

Discussion: In order to vote by absentee ballot, you must _____.

A registered voter may request absentee ballots for any election in which the voter is eligible to vote. An absentee voter shall not be required to state any reason for the request.

12. When you go to your polling place to vote, the Precinct Officials will ask to see _____.

- a) Your vacation photos
- b) Your identification
- c) Your new tattoo

Answer: When you go to your polling place to vote, the Precinct Officials will ask to see

_____.

b) Your identification

Discussion: When you go to your polling place to vote, the Precinct Officials will ask to see

_____.

State law requires all voters to show identification when they vote.

13. In order to prove your identity to vote, you may _____.

- a) Show identification issued by the State of Oklahoma, including the voter identification card you received by mail from the County Election Board, the federal government, or a federally recognized tribal government
- b) Fill out a provisional ballot affidavit
- c) Both a) and b)

Answer: In order to prove your identity to vote, you may show _____.

c) Both a) and b)

Discussion 1: In order to prove your identity to vote, you may show _____.

Voters may show identification which was issued by the State of Oklahoma, the federal government, or a federally-recognized tribal government such as:

- ▶ An Oklahoma driver license
- ▶ A US passport
- ▶ A military ID
- ▶ A tribal ID

Discussion 2: In order to prove your identity to vote, you may show _____.

In order to be considered valid, any of these IDs must include:

- ▶ A photograph
- ▶ A name that substantially conforms (matches) the name on the voter registration record
- ▶ If there is an expiration date, it must be later than the date of the election

Discussion 3: In order to prove your identity to vote, you may show _____.

Voters may also use the voter identification card issued by the County Election Board.

If a voter loses their voter identification card, they may request a new one from their County Election Board free of charge.

Discussion 4: In order to prove your identity to vote, you may show _____.

If a voter is unable or unwilling to provide identification, they may prove their identity by filling out a provisional ballot affidavit and casting a provisional ballot.

14. Even if your name is not in the Precinct Registry, you still may be able to vote by _____.

- a) Casting a provisional ballot
- b) Crying
- c) Hiring a lawyer to sue the Precinct Officials

Answer: Even if your name is not in the Precinct Registry, you still may be able to vote by _____.

- a) Casting a provisional ballot

Discussion 1: Even if your name is not in the Precinct Registry, you still may be able to vote by _____.

State and federal laws permit you to cast a provisional ballot if you believe that you are registered and eligible to vote but your name is not in the Precinct Registry.

A provisional ballot is not put through the voting device but instead is sealed inside an envelope. Voters who cast provisional ballots must sign an affidavit that explains why they think they are eligible to vote.

Discussion 2: Even if your name is not in the Precinct Registry, you still may be able to vote by _____.

After the election, County Election Board officials will use the information provided by the voter on the affidavit to verify the voter's eligibility. If proof of the voter's registration is found, the provisional ballot will be counted and included in the final election results.

Questions?

- ▶ If you would like to know more about voter registration and voting in the state of Oklahoma, you can contact the State Election Board or your County Election Board.
- ▶ Visit the State Election Board's website at www.oklahoma.gov/elections

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