

## Voter Eligibility Guide for Colorado

### Colorado Voter Eligibility Requirements

In Colorado, any person is eligible to vote if he or she meets the following criteria:

- Is a U.S. citizen;
- Is 18 year years old or older by the date of the election; and
- Is a resident of the precinct in Colorado where he or she registers to vote for 30 days immediately before the election.

**Felon eligibility:** An individual who has been convicted of a felony is eligible to vote as long as he or she is not currently serving a prison sentence and has completed any sentence of parole. (Individuals in custody awaiting trial are eligible to vote). C.R.S. §1-2-103

### Colorado Residency Requirements

*Residency is a person's principal or primary home or place of abode – a P.O. Box cannot be a place of residence, applicant must provide an actual street address for actual place of residence.*

The law further defines residence as that place where a person has the present intention of returning after a departure or absence. The following circumstances relating to the person shall be taken into account when determining residency: business pursuits, employment, income sources, residence for income or other tax purposes, age, marital status, residence of parents, spouse, and children, if any, leaseholds, location of personal and real property, existence of any other residences and the amount of time spent at each residence, and motor vehicle registration.

**Homeless voters:** The mailing address of a homeless individual may be a residence for purposes of registering or voting. The address of a homeless individual includes a shelter, a homeless service provider, or a private residence, but it may not include a post office box or general delivery at a post office. A homeless individual who has no such address shall not be eligible to register or to vote.

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The SOS states on its website that “college students [can] keep their voter registration in their hometown and vote by mail-in ballot from college. This choice is up to the student. They can re-register in the jurisdiction where they are attending school, or they can retain their registration in their hometown.” Students may wish to check how the status of their residency may affect any financial aid they receive. Colorado Secretary of State, [Election Center Website](#), (last visited March 5, 2012).

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