

Conducting a Voter Registration Drive in Massachusetts

Voter Registration Deadline

Applications must be received or postmarked by 20 days before Election Day.

Getting Started

Training Requirement: Massachusetts does not require training for registration drives.

Notification and Registration Requirements:

Massachusetts does not have notification requirements for registration drives. The Secretary of State's office recommends checking with the local police department as each city and town may have different requirements for such solicitation.

Compensation Restrictions: Do not pay registration drive participants based on how many registrations they collect.

Obtaining Applications

State Form: The state registration application may be obtained by contacting the Secretary of State's Elections Division at 800-462-VOTE (8683) or 617-727-2828 or by on [the Secretary of State's website](#).

Federal Form: The [federal mail-in voter registration application](#) may also be used in voter registration drives. The federal form will not be accepted if it contains any markings or graphics – such as logos, organizational information, or contact information – other than those on the official form.

Photocopying Blank Forms: The federal form may be photocopied for use in voter registration drives, but the state form may not. The State mail-in form can now also be downloaded and photocopied.

Handling Applications

Incomplete Applications: There is no law or rule prohibiting photocopying or retaining information from completed registration applications. **A voter's date of birth, signature, full or partial Social Security Number, and driver's license number should be removed before copying any application.**

Photocopying Completed Applications: Massachusetts law contains no prohibitions against photocopying completed registration applications.

Submitting Completed Applications: Organizations or individuals running registration drives must submit completed applications by 20 days before Election Day.

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