

Conducting a Voter Registration Drive in New Mexico

Voter Registration Deadline
Postmarked 28 days before Election Day

Getting Started

Training Requirement: A Third-Party Voter Registration Agent training course must be completed before conducting a registration drive. Training is offered by the county clerks and the Secretary of State.

Notification and Registration Requirements: Civic organizations, employees, or volunteers conducting voter registration drives must register with the New Mexico Secretary of State (SOS) and submit a Voter Registration Agent Identification Form, which includes all of the following:

- The names of officers of the organization and the name and permanent address of the organization;
- The names, permanent addresses, temporary addresses, if any, social security number, and dates of birth of each person registering persons to vote in New Mexico on behalf of the organization;
- A sworn statement from each registration agent employed by or volunteering for the organization stating that the agent will obey all state laws and rules regarding the registration of voters on a form that gives notice of the criminal penalties for false registration.

The form may be delivered by mail or fax to the Secretary of State or the county clerk.

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

For more information, visit
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Obtaining Applications

State Form: A registered agent may receive a packet of 20 forms and may request another packet from the Secretary of State or county clerk. State forms include a receipt which must be given to voters upon their completion of the form.

Federal Form: Voter registration organizations may use the [federal voter registration form](#).

Photocopying Blank Forms: Blank state forms may not be copied, but rather must be obtained as originals from election officials.

Handling Applications

Incomplete Application: Voter registration drives may not fill in missing information on a voter registration form without the registrant's consent. Third-party agents must include their name on line 9 of the application if the agent helped complete the form.

Photocopying Completed Applications: A voter's date of birth, signature, full Social Security Number, and driver's license number **MUST BE** removed before copying any application.

Submitting Completed Applications: Completed certificates of registration must be delivered to the Secretary of State or [county clerk](#) **within 48 hours of completion by the applicant**. If the appropriate office is closed during that period, they must deliver it on the next business day.