

## Voting

Voting is quick, easy, and important! In New York, polls are open from **6 am to 9 pm**. It helps to know your A.D. (Assembly District), E.D. (Election District), and the location of your polling site before voting. This information can be found on the registration confirmation card sent to you by the Board of Elections after you register and an information card also sent to you by the Board of Elections prior to the primary elections. If you still do not know, please call the Board of Elections hot line at 1-866-VOTE-NYC (1-866-868-3692) **or access the Poll Site Locator on the Board's website: [www.nyc.gov/vote](http://www.nyc.gov/vote)**.

If you do not know how to vote, you can ask for help. If you do not understand English, the City's Board of Elections provides help in **Spanish**, and, depending on the location of your polling site, **Chinese** and **Korean**. You can also bring information in your native language into the voting booth. If you have disabilities, a Ballot Making Device (BMD) will be available at each poll site starting in Fall 2009.

## 2010 Elections Dates

### 2010 Primary

- August 20** Last day to register (new voters only)
- September 7** Last day to apply for an absentee ballot by mail
- September 13** Last day to mail an absentee ballot
- September 14** Primary Election Day

### Offices up for Elections

US-Senators; Governor; Lieutenant Governor; Attorney General; Members House Representatives; State Senators and Assembly Members

### 2010 General

- October 8** Last day to register
- October 26** Last day to apply for an absentee ballot by mail
- November 1** Last day to mail an absentee ballot
- November 2** General Election Day

# VAC Guide to 2010 Elections



## NYC Voter Assistance Commission

100 Gold Street, 2nd Floor  
New York, NY 10038  
Tel: (212) 788-8384  
Fax: (212) 788-2527  
website: [www.nyc.gov/voter](http://www.nyc.gov/voter)



## Registering to Vote

To register to vote in the City of New York, you must:

- Be a citizen of the United States (Includes those persons born in Puerto Rico, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands).
- Be a New York City resident for at least 30 days.
- Not be incarcerated or on parole for a felony conviction.
- Not be adjudged mentally incompetent by a court.
- Not claim the right to vote elsewhere (outside the City of New York).

## Party Enrollment

Enrolling in a **political party** means that you can vote in that party's **primary elections**, usually held weeks or months before each November's general election. *The primary is where parties pick their candidates for the general election.* In New York, you can enroll in any one of the following five parties:

- **Democratic Party (D)**
- **Republican Party (R)**
- **Independence Party (I)**
- **Conservative Party (C)**
- **Working Families Party (WFP)**

## Identification Requirements

Your identity must be verified prior to Election Day, so that you won't have to provide identification when you vote. As requested in Box #9 on the New York State voter registration form, your identity can be verified through your driver's license number, non-driver ID number, or the last four digits of your social security number.

If your identity is not verified before Election Day, you will be asked to provide an ID when you go to vote. Acceptable IDs include: a valid photo ID, a current utility bill, bank statement, government check or some other government document that shows your name and address.

If you still do not have identification, you will be asked to vote by affidavit ballot (paper ballot), instead of on the machine. Your identity will then be checked and your vote will be counted if you are found to be properly registered.

## Registration Confirmation Card

Within 20 days after submitting your voter registration form, you will receive a **registration confirmation card** from the Board of Elections. If not, please call 1-866-VOTE-NYC (1-866-868-3692) or your

local Borough office to verify that your application was received and processed.

## Absentee Ballot

Voting by **absentee ballot** is important for many students, particularly those who attend high school or college outside NYC. If you know that you will not be able to go to your regular polling place on Election Day, you can **apply to the Board of Elections** to vote by absentee ballot. If you qualify, you will be sent an absentee ballot in the weeks before the election which you must then submit to your borough's board of elections during

### Main Office, Board of Elections

32 Broadway, 7<sup>th</sup> Fl.

New York, NY 10004

1-(866) V-O-T-E-N-Y-C OR 1-(212) 868-3692

### Manhattan

200 Varick St., 10<sup>th</sup> Fl.

New York, NY 10014

(212) 886-2100

### Bronx

1780 Grand Concourse, 5<sup>th</sup> Fl.

Bronx, NY 10457

(718) 299-9017

### Staten Island

1 Edgewater Plaza, 4<sup>th</sup> Fl.

Staten Island, NY 10305

(718) 876-0079

### Brooklyn

345 Adams St., 4<sup>th</sup> Fl.

Brooklyn, NY 11201

(718) 797-8800

### Queens

126-06 Queens Boulevard

Kew Gardens, NY 11415

(718) 730-6730