

VERMONT APPLICATION FOR ADDITION TO THE CHECKLIST (17 V.S.A. § 2145)

Vermont Voter Registration Form -- Please print clearly, use ballpoint pen, and bear down hard.

Deliver To: the Clerk of the town or city of _____.

I, _____ hereby make application to have
(Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Initial)

my name added to the checklist of the Town or City of _____.

By checking the boxes below, I swear or affirm that these are true statements:

Yes No **Are you a citizen of the United States and a resident of Vermont?**

Yes No **Will you be eighteen years of age or older on or before the day of election?**

**If you checked "No" in response to either question above, DO NOT complete this form.
You are not qualified to vote in Vermont--Contact the Secretary of State for more information.**

If you are registering to vote for the first time in Vermont, and you mail this application to your town clerk individually, you must submit a photocopy of one of the following forms of identification: current & valid photo identification or bank statement, utility bill, or government document that contains your name and current address.

By checking the boxes below, I swear or affirm that these are true statements:

I am a resident of _____, _____.
(Town or City) (State)

I have taken the Voter's Oath OR ____ I will take the Voter's Oath and have the box below completed.

My principal dwelling is located at _____
(E911 street address including number or exact physical location, if no E911 address)

I was born on _____ at _____.
(Month/Day/Year) (Town or City) (State)

The last place I was registered to vote was: _____
(Physical location – include number, street, town, state and zip code)

I authorize my name to be removed from the list of registered voters there or in any other place. The name under which I was registered there was: _____

I meet all of the eligibility requirements to vote in this municipality. I hereby swear or affirm under penalty of perjury and other potential federal or state criminal penalties of up to a \$10,000 fine, or imprisonment for not more than fifteen years, or both, that the statements made by me in this application are true. 13 V.S.A § 2901. 42 U.S.C. § 1973gg-10.

Month/Day/Year

Applicant's Signature

Applicant's Phone

Applicant's Mailing Address

VOTER'S OATH (Vermont Constitution, Chapter II, Section 42)

You solemnly swear (or affirm) that whenever you give your vote or suffrage, touching any matter that concerns the state of Vermont, you will do it so as in your conscience you shall judge will most conduce to the best good of the same, as established by the Constitution, without fear or favor of any person.

FOR OFFICIAL USE – VOTER'S OATH

I hereby certify that on the ____ day of _____, 20____, I administered the Voter's Oath to the applicant.

____ Town Clerk _____
(Official's Signature) _____ Notary Public (county) _____
____ Justice of the Peace (town) _____
(Please print your name legibly) _____ Other (specify) _____

FOR TOWN OR CITY CLERK USE

____ The Town Clerk has reviewed the application, OR ____ the Board of Civil Authority reviewed the application
AND the applicant ____ was, or ____ was not added to the checklist on _____ (date). If not added, the reason was: _____

The applicant's usual polling place is located at _____.
Signature of town clerk _____.

KEEP THE GOLDENROD COPY OF THIS APPLICATION FORM.

Contact your Town or City Clerk to make sure your application has been received. Bring your copy to the polls when you go to vote. This is your proof you have submitted an application to the checklist before the deadline for registration.

VERMONT VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

(HOW TO FILL OUT THE "APPLICATION FOR ADDITION TO THE CHECKLIST")

To be eligible to vote in Vermont you must: (Eligibility requirements are in 17 V.S.A. § 2121, 2122)

1. be a citizen of the United States;
2. be 18 years of age or older, or will be eighteen on the day of election;
3. be a resident of Vermont and a resident of the town in which you apply to be added to the checklist;
4. take, or have previously taken, the Voter's Oath.

If you are registering for the first time in Vermont, and you mail this application to your town clerk individually, you must submit a photocopy of one of the following forms of identification: current & valid photo identification, bank statement, utility bill, or government document that contains your name and current address.

Where to File: **Keep the goldenrod copy for yourself**, and submit the other three copies to the Town or City Clerk where you reside. Addresses are in the Town Clerk's Guide on the Secretary of State's web site, <http://www.sec.state.vt.us>, click "Elections" then the quick links on the right or call your town clerk.

When to File: The application must be received by 12:00 noon on the second Monday before the day of an election in order to vote in that election. Every town clerk's office is open from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on this Monday. If this Monday is a legal holiday for the State of Vermont, you can submit your application to the Town Clerk until 12:00 noon on the Tuesday prior to the election. If you apply through the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) or another voter registration agency, your application must be postmarked or accepted before the second Monday before the election.

Getting on the Voter Checklist: You are not automatically registered to vote by filing this application. If the Town Clerk (or the Board of Civil Authority) finds that you meet the eligibility requirements you will be added to the checklist and become a registered voter. You will be notified in writing whether or not your application has been approved. If you have not received notification within 1 month of filing the application or by the week before the election, call your town clerk. If you are not eligible, the Board must state the reason in writing and give you a chance to be reconsidered. If you are still denied, you can appeal in writing informally to a superior or district judge in your county. (No filing fee or lawyer is required.)

Voter's Oath: If you have previously voted in Vermont, do not take the voter's oath again. If not, take the oath in front of a person authorized to administer oaths. (Any notary public, town clerk, justice of the peace, or any person authorized to administer oaths in Vermont.) If you do not take oaths you may take it as an affirmation. Be sure you sign the oath and that the official completes the certification. If the filing deadline is close, you can file your application without taking the oath, and take the oath on Election Day. If you request an early/absentee ballot, you must take the oath before requesting the ballot.

SERIOUS PENALTIES FOR FALSE INFORMATION ON AN APPLICATION TO THE CHECKLIST

It is unlawful to give false information concerning your qualifications to be a registered voter of a town or city in Vermont. The penalties are serious, including penalties of up to a \$10,000 fine or imprisonment for not more than fifteen years, or both.

Note to Town and City Clerks: The applicant retains the goldenrod copy when the application is completed. After the Town Clerk or Board of Civil Authority acts, complete the bottom of the application form and distribute as follows:

White Copy (Top original) -- Town Clerk retains. **Canary Copy** -- Mail to applicant after indicating action taken

Pink Copy -- Mail to place where applicant was previously registered to vote.

The laws relating to voter registration are in 17 V. S. A. §§2121-2150. If you have questions, call your town clerk or call the Elections Division, Office of the Secretary of State at (802) 828-2363, or (in Vermont) (800) 439-8683.

Note: If you were provided this form by a voter registration agency, you may decline to register. If you decline to register your failure to register will remain confidential and will be used only for voter registration purposes. The fact that you may have submitted this application through a voter registration agency will remain confidential and will be used only for voter registration purposes.