

**VOTER INFORMATION:
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HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE

NH HAS FOUR WAYS TO REGISTER TO VOTE--each requires proof of age, citizenship, and domicile, by document or affidavit.

- 1) You may register to vote at the Dorchester Town Office during the Town Clerk's office hours up to 10 days before any election.

The Town Clerk has posted hours at Dorchester Town Office, 1021 NH Rte. 118. Check the Town of Dorchester web site home page for any changes in posted Town Clerk hours.

Town Clerk/ Tax Collector, Darlene Oaks and Deputy Town Clerk Liz Houghton at Town Office.

Monday 9 - 11 am

Wednesday 3 - 6 pm

Last Saturday of Month 9 - 11 am

For questions call Town Office 786-9476.

- 2) You may also register to vote with your local Supervisors of the Checklist. Dorchester Supervisors of the Checklist are Shawn Russell, Adrienne Morrison and Cris Green who may all be reached thru checklist@townofdorchester.net
Supervisors are required to meet 7 to 10 days prior to each election to accept registrations and changes in party affiliation. These are held at the Town Office, 1021 NH Rte. 118.

Designated times are:

June 3, 2014 from 7 to 8PM June 3 is the last day to change party affiliation before state primary on September 9. Only undeclared voters may declare a party and vote on primary election day.

September 2, 2014 from 7 to 8PM

October 25, 2014 from 11AM to 12 Noon.

January 20, 2015 from 7-8PM session for correction of checklist, change in party registration may be accepted.

February 28, 2015 from 11AM to 12Noon session for correction of checklist. Last day to accept voter registration applications. No additions or corrections shall be made to checklist after this session, until election day, except provided in RSA 659:12 and RSA 654:8,11.

- 3) You may also register to vote on the day of any election, at the polling place. Be aware this will take extra time. Bring appropriate information to include proof of identity, age, citizenship, and domicile. If you do not have such documentation, the town will provide you with a qualified voter affidavit and/or a domicile affidavit.

4) You may register absentee, by mail.

If you are unable to register in person because of physical disability, religious beliefs, military service, or because of temporary absence, you may register by mail. You should request an absentee voter registration affidavit and a standard voter registration form from the town clerk. The absentee voter registration affidavit must be witnessed (a notary is not necessary). Then both the affidavit and the voter registration form are to be returned to the Dorchester Town Clerk at:

Dorchester Town Clerk
1021 NH route 118
Dorchester, NH 03266

Please allow enough time for the town clerk to process this information and confirm with you.

If you require further information please check the Secretary of State's website for voter registration information:

"Voter Registration Information" <http://sos.nh.gov/RegVote.aspx>

"NH Secretary of State" <http://sos.nh.gov> Phone: 603-271-3242 Fax: 603-271-6316

Or contact one of the Supervisors of the Checklist.

HOW TO VOTE

IN PERSON:

Polling place is the Dorchester Town Hall/Grange, Town Hall Road from 11AM to 7PM.

Voter ID in NH as in many other states has been subject to legislative change. Currently acceptable are a valid photo ID like a driver's license or passport, and if your address has not yet changed, proof of Dorchester domicile such as utility bill sent to address or an affidavit.

For more information on specifics check 2013 Voter ID requirements: <http://sos.nh.gov>

BY ABSENTEE BALLOT:

By NH law, only residents who will be absent from the town during the hours the polls are open on election day, and residents with illness or disabilities or religious reasons for being unable to travel to the polls are eligible to vote absentee. Obtaining an absentee ballot is a two step process: first you must fill out an application for an absentee ballot, then if eligible, you will receive the ballot itself.

"Absentee Ballot Application" <http://sos.nh.gov/ElectForms.aspx>

*Voters living outside the United States may file a "UOCAVA absentee ballot application."
<http://sos.nh.gov/ElectForms.aspx>

"Voting in New Hampshire" <http://sos.nh.gov/VoteNH.aspx>

Applications may be picked up at the Dorchester Town Office. Request the absentee ballot application from the clerk or you may download the application. If you wish, you may submit a request in writing

that should include all the information required on the application: your name, voting address, mailing address and your signature.

An application for an absentee ballot may be transmitted by FAX to your town clerk.

Absentee ballots are available from the Dorchester Town Clerk approximately 30 days before an election. Please return ASAP so that your ballot is received before the deadline and can be counted for that election.

If you have questions about your voting rights, you may contact the NH Secretary of State 603-271-3242 or the NH Attorney General 603-271-3658.

ELECTIONS

ELECTION DATES

September 9, 2014 - State Primary Election Day

November 4, 2014 - General Election Day

March 10, 2015 - Town Election Day

March 14, 2015 - Town Meeting

Town elections are held in the Dorchester Town Hall/Grange on Town Hall Road from 11AM to 7PM
Town Meeting is also held in Dorchester Town Hall/Grange from 10AM until meeting adjourned usually about noon.

State-wide and Congressional elections are held in even-numbered years, on the Tuesday after the first Monday of November. Presidential elections are held every four years, on the same day.

Primaries for state-wide and Congressional elections are held in even-numbered years, the second Tuesday of September.

Presidential primaries are held early in the year of the Presidential election, at a date to be determined by the NH Secretary of State.

SAMPLE BALLOT are provided prior to each election

ELECTION RESULTS: Local results are posted on home page of Dorchester web site.

CONTACTS

Town Clerk, Darlene Oaks 786-9476 or 786-9357 (Darlene.oaks@townofdorchester.net)

Supervisors of the checklist, checklist@townofdorchester.net

Moderator, Josh Trought Phone 786-2366 (joshtrought@yahoo.com)

Secretary of State <http://sos.nh.gov> Phone: 603-271-3242 Fax: 603-271-6316

Attorney General <http://doj.nh.gov> Phone: 603-271-3658