



New Bedford HSPN Voting and Homelessness Fact Sheet

People experiencing homelessness often face special challenges when registering to vote. Make sure if you're experiencing homelessness you register and let your voice be heard!

I'm homeless... can I still register and vote?

YES! People experiencing homelessness can register and vote in all 50 states and Massachusetts allows sheltered residents and unsheltered residents to register. There are generally three different ways you can register—online, by mail or in person. Pick the one that works for you.

ONLINE

You can register online at the [MA ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM](https://www.sec.state.ma.us/OVR/) if you have a signature on file with the Registry of Motor Vehicles (meaning, if you currently have a MA driver's license or a state ID card). Check it out at:
<https://www.sec.state.ma.us/OVR/>

BY MAIL

If you don't qualify to register online or if you would prefer to register by mail, just download the [MA VOTER REGISTRATION FORM](https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/elepdf/Voter-reg-mail-in.pdf). Check it out at:
<https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/elepdf/Voter-reg-mail-in.pdf>

IN PERSON

If you would like to register in-person you may do so at any local election office. In New Bedford that is located in Room 114 in

City Hall (New Bedford Election Commission 508.979.1420).

I haven't registered yet... is it too late to vote?

There are deadlines to register to vote. If you want to vote in the State Primary Election, you have to register to vote by August 22, 2020. If you are hoping to vote in the Presidential Election, you need to register to vote no later than Saturday, October 24, 2020.

Can I vote early for the Presidential Election?

Yes! If you have registered to vote in New Bedford, Presidential Election Early Voting in Person will be available October 17th – October 30th. Where that will be available will be announced—so check out the city website as that period gets closer.

Where can I find more information on registration and voting for those experiencing homelessness?

For further information about registration and voting The National Coalition for the Homeless provides extensive information as part of their "You Don't Need a Home to Vote Campaign." Check it out at:
<http://nationalhomeless.org/campaigns/voting/>

The information presented here is geared toward those who live in New Bedford. Specifics may vary between communities so please check with the Elections Commission in the city/town where voting is intended for requirements.

