

**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 a resident of Vermont and a resident of the town in which you apply to be added to the checklist;
3. take, or have previously taken, the Voter's Oath (formerly called the "Freeman's Oath"); and
4. be 18 years of age or older or will be eighteen on the day of election.

**Where to File:** **Keep the blue copy for yourself**, and submit the other three copies of the form to the Town or City Clerk in the town or city in which you reside. Addresses are on the Secretary of State's web site, <http://www.sec.state.vt.us>, or call your town clerk, or call the Elections Division at (802) 828-2464.

**When to File:** The application must be received by 12:00 noon on the second Saturday before the day of an election in order to vote in that election. Town clerks offices are open from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on this Saturday. 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 Saturday before the election.

**Getting on the Voter Checklist.** You are not automatically registered to vote by filing this application. If the Clerk, in towns that have so voted, 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 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 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 intend to request an early or 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 blue 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 or City Clerk retains.

Yellow Copy – Mail to applicant with the bottom section completed.

Pink Copy – Mail to Town or city where applicant was last 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 when you applied for or renewed a motor vehicle driver's license or 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 in connection with a motor vehicle driver's license application or renewal, or through a voter registration agency

**KEEP THE BLUE 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 APPLICATION FOR ADDITION TO THE CHECKLIST (17 V.S.A. § 2145)**

(Please print clearly, use ballpoint pen, and bear down hard.)

Deliver To: The Honorable Board of Civil Authority of the town or city of \_\_\_\_\_.  
I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Last Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (First Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Middle Initial) hereby make application to have  
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:**

- I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of Vermont.
- I have taken the Voter's Oath OR \_\_\_\_\_ I will take the Voter's Oath and have the box below completed.
- I am eighteen years of age or older OR \_\_\_\_\_ I will be eighteen on or before the day of election.
- I am a resident of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ (Town or City) \_\_\_\_\_ (State).

**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)  
and 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.

<b>FOR OFFICIAL USE – VOTER'S OATH</b>	
I hereby certify that on the _____ day of _____, 20____, I administered the Voter's Oath to the applicant.	
_____ (Official's Signature)	_____ Town Clerk _____ Notary Public (county) _____ _____ Justice of the Peace (town) _____ _____ Other (specify) _____
_____ (Please print your name legibly)	

<b>FOR TOWN OR CITY CLERK USE</b>	
_____ The Town Clerk, as authorized by vote of Town Meeting, has reviewed the application and OR _____ At a meeting of the Board of Civil Authority held on _____, the board has reviewed the application AND the applicant _____ was, or _____ was not added to the checklist. If not added, the reason was _____ _____ The applicant's usual polling place is located at _____.	