

Conducting a Voter Registration Drive in Rhode Island

Voter Registration Deadline

Applications must be received or postmarked 30 days before Election Day

Getting Started

Training Requirement: Rhode Island does not require training for registration drives.

Notification and Registration Requirements: Rhode Island does not have notification requirements for registration drives.

Compensation Restrictions: Do not pay registration drive participants based on how many registrations they collect. Do not incentivize people to register with anything of monetary value.

Obtaining Applications

State Form: The state mail-in voter registration application can be downloaded at the Board of Elections website here:

elections.ri.gov/voter-registration

Up to 300 forms at a time can be requested in person from the State Board of Elections.

Federal Form: The federal mail-in voter registration application may be used in voter registration drives: eac.gov/voters/national-mail-voter-registration-form/

Photocopying Blank Forms: Blank applications may be photocopied and used in voter registration drives.

Handling Applications

Incomplete Applications: Do not fill in any missing information on a registration form unless you have permission from the applicant.

Photocopying Completed Applications: As a best practice, a voter's full or partial Social Security number and/or driver's license number should not be retained.

Submitting Completed Applications: All registration applications collected as part of a voter registration drive must be delivered by the 30th day preceding an election. The forms can be received by the State Board of Elections or the Local Board of Canvassers by the deadline. Local Board of Canvassers contact information can be found here:

elections.ecms.ri.gov/about/local-boards-canvassers

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