Conducting a Voter Registration Drive in Maryland

**Voter Registration Deadline**

Applications must be received or postmarked by 21 days before Election Day. A specific turnaround time applies to voter registration drives turning in applications they collect. See below.

### Getting Started

**Training Requirement:** The state administration and local election directors must offer training. Training is required if the person is a voter registration application (VRA) Distributor who wants to obtain more than 25 state voter registration applications (VRAs) per day. A VRA Distributor is an individual who conducts the following voter registration activities:

- Offering Statewide VRAs to individuals interested in registering to vote or updating an existing registration;
- Assisting people with filling out Statewide VRAs; and
-Returning completed Statewide VRAs to the appropriate local board office

**Notification and Registration Requirements:** Volunteers/staff are required to present their Certificate of Instruction to obtain more than 25 Statewide Voter Registration Applications per day.

**Compensation Restrictions:** It is illegal in Maryland for a voter registration volunteer or any individual assisting another person to register to vote to receive any form of compensation, including bonuses, that is based on the number of voter registration applications collected.

**Voter Registration Volunteer/Staff Restrictions:** Volunteers/staff must be at least 18 years old on or before the next general election. VRA distributors must inform the applicant that the applicant can return the registration application to the local board, or the volunteer/staff person can do it.

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