



Why Non-U.S. Citizens Should Not Vote or Register to Vote in Most Cases*

The right to vote is an important part of being a U.S. citizen. But only U.S. citizens are allowed to vote or register to vote.*

Registering to vote or trying to vote before you become a U.S. citizen can get you in legal trouble. You may be fined, imprisoned, or deported.



You don't have to be a U.S. citizen to get a driver's license. But be cautious. Some states include voting registration on their driver's license forms.

- Read the instructions carefully
- Do not claim to be a U.S. citizen if you are not
- Do not register to vote by mistake



People may urge you to vote:



- By phone
- By email or text
- By postal mail

People may ask you to register to vote:



- At your home
- At shopping centers
- At events

If you are **not a U.S. citizen** and someone asks you to vote or register to vote, just say **"No, thank you."**

*Non-citizens, including permanent legal residents, cannot vote in federal, state, and most local elections. Check with your state or local election office for any questions about who can and cannot vote. (<https://www.usa.gov/who-can-vote>)