

PREPARING TO VOTE IN IDAHO

A GUIDE FOR NEW U.S. CITIZENS



CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME, NEW UNITED STATES CITIZENS!

As a U.S. citizen, you have the responsibility to exercise your right to vote in your place of residence. While you have completed your naturalization ceremony and received your naturalization certificate, a few things still need to happen before you can cast your first ballot.

1. UPDATE OR CREATE YOUR RECORD WITH THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE (SSA)

- Allow 10 days after your naturalization ceremony before you update or create your record with SSA. This will ensure that your name is in the federal database.
- Complete and submit a *Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card*.
- If your legal name has changed, make sure you have spelled it correctly on the Form SS-5 and provide proof of your U.S. citizenship. You will also present any documents that identify you by both your old and new names. ***This is extremely important to verify your citizenship status.***
- You can also register online at ssa.gov.

2. APPLY FOR OR UPDATE YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE INFORMATION

- If you need to apply for your state driver's license or state-issued identification card (ID), you must go to the Idaho Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) or visit itd.idaho.gov.
- If you need to update your record because you changed your legal name, you must show the DMV your old driver's license or identification card and provide them the naturalization certificate with your new name. (Polling locations will check your driver's license or identification card to make sure they have the right registered voter.)

APPLY FOR A U.S. PASSPORT (OPTIONAL)

While not required to vote, this is additional proof that you are a U.S. citizen

You can apply for a passport at your local post office **or** online at <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports.html>

NOW, LET'S REGISTER TO VOTE!

Once you have completed updating your records at the Social Security Administration and the Department of Motor Vehicles, you are ready to register to vote.

To begin the voter registration process using your state issued driver's license or identification card, go to voteidaho.gov and click the **"New/Update Voter Registration"** button.

