



FAQs

Become a Poll Worker

Being a poll worker is a great way to support our democracy. Poll workers play a vital role in ensuring Georgians are able to exercise their right to cast their votes.

How do I become a poll worker?

You can [sign up to be a poll worker](#) by visiting the Georgia secretary of state's website or by contacting your [county elections office](#).

What do poll workers do?

Poll workers play a critical role during early voting and on Election Day. They provide a variety of essential services, such as setting up voting equipment, opening and closing polling locations, checking in voters, verifying IDs, answering voters' questions, ensuring election rules are followed, and making sure that every ballot is submitted and secured. For more detailed information about being a poll worker, explore the [Poll Worker Training Resources](#) page on the Georgia secretary of state's website.

Am I eligible to be a poll worker?

You are eligible to be a poll worker if you are a citizen of the United States, are at least 16 years of age, and can read, write, and speak English. You must also live or work in the county where you would like to be a poll worker, or live and work in a county directly next to it.

If you live or work in the county directly next to the one where you want to be a poll worker, then you will need to contact that [county's elections office](#) to get a waiver to be a poll worker in that county. For example, if you live in Baldwin County but want to be a poll worker in Jones County, you need to request a waiver from the Jones County elections office to be a poll worker in Jones County.

You are not eligible to be a poll worker if you hold public office or are a candidate for public office, or if you are a direct relative (such as a child, spouse, or parent) of a current elected official who is running for re-election.

What kind of training do poll workers receive?

A poll worker's training may vary slightly from one county to the next, but generally covers the proper use of voting equipment, voting rules and procedures, all aspects of state and federal law applicable to conducting elections, and other duties and responsibilities. In addition to in-person training, many counties have online training materials and videos. You can access the poll worker training manual and a variety of educational videos by visiting the [Poll Worker Training Resources](#) page on the Georgia secretary of state's website.

Are poll workers paid?

Yes. Payment varies by county, but typically ranges from \$60 to \$140 per day. Poll workers also receive \$20 to \$30 for training days. Poll managers and assistant poll managers may earn more.

What hours do poll workers work?

Polls open at 7 a.m., so poll workers must be on site by 6 a.m. in order to set up the voting equipment. Once the polls open, poll workers are required to remain on the job until the polls close and all the required paperwork is complete.

By law, anyone who is in line to vote by 7 p.m. has the right to cast their ballot. This means that polls often stay open past the 7 p.m. closing time. As a poll worker, you should expect to serve until the last ballot is submitted and secured, and all the steps needed to close the polls at the end of the day are complete.



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