

SELECTIVE SERVICES – IT'S THE LAW

Registration is the process by which the U.S. Government collects names and addresses of men ages 18 through 25 to use in case a national emergency requires rapid expansion of the Armed Forces.

WHEN TO REGISTER

The law requires virtually all male U.S. citizens (regardless of where they live), and male immigrants residing in the U.S. (permanent resident aliens), to register within 30 days of their 18th birthday. Therefore, to be in full compliance with the law, a man turning 18 is required to register during the period of time beginning 30 days before, until 30 days after his 18th birthday...a 60-day window.

Here are some places to register:

[REGISTER ON-LINE](#)

Young men may now register on-line with Selective Service.

AT THE POST OFFICE

Selective Service "mail-back" registration forms are available at any Post Office. A man can fill it out, sign it, affix postage, and mail it to Selective Service, without the involvement of the postal clerk.

BY MAIL

A young man may also register by filling out a Reminder Mailback Card. Selective Service sends this card to many young men around the time they turn 18. Mailback cards are also available at some post offices. A man can fill out the card at home and mail it directly to Selective Service. Forms will be sent to: Selective Service System, Registration Information Office, P.O. Box 94638, Palatine, IL 60094-4638.

CHECK BOX

Another way a young man can register is to check a box on the application form for Federal Student Financial Aid (FAFSA form). A man can check "Yes" on Box #29 of that form, and the Department of Education will furnish Selective Service with the information to register the man.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I DON'T REGISTER?

Young men convicted of failure to register may be fined up to \$250,000, imprisoned for up to five years, or both. In addition to being subject to prosecution, failure to register may cause you to permanently forfeit eligibility for certain benefits. **Not registering is a felony.**