

Illinois WIC Program Policy Practice Standards (PPS)
National Voter Registration Requirements
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Policy Practice Standards (PPS) assist staff in translating policy into practice. This guidance is intended to be used with the Illinois WIC Policy Manual; Administration section 12.1 to ensure compliance with the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA). Applicants and participants of the WIC Program must be offered the opportunity to apply to register to vote for all elections during the certification, recertification, and submission of change of address.

Local agency staff must ask all women applicants and participants of the WIC Program:

1. “At WIC clinics we offer assistance in registering to vote. This is optional and will not affect your WIC services. To register to vote in the US, you must be a US Citizen on the day you register and be 18 by the next election.”
2. “If you are not registered to vote where you live now, would you like to apply to register to vote here today?” (As it appears on the Voter Registration Information Card.)

