



2010 ELECTIONS QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

MESA COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER

ELECTIONS DIVISION

244-1662

1. What are important dates to remember for the 2010 election year?

POLITICAL PARTY PRECINCT CAUCUS

- **January 19:** Last day to register party affiliation in order to vote in the Political Party Precinct Caucus.
- **February 16:** Elector must be a resident of the precinct 30 days prior to the Precinct Caucus in order to vote.
- **March 16:** **PRECINCT CAUCUS DAY**
- **March 26-April 15:** Political Party assemblies held in County.
- **June 1:** Last day to hold District and State assemblies.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION

- **March 8:** Last day to register to vote in the Municipal Election.
- **April 6:** **MUNICIPAL ELECTION DAY**
(Fruita, Palisade, DeBeque, Collbran)

SPECIAL DISTRICT ELECTION

- **April 5:** Last day to register for the Special District Election.
- **May 5:** This Election will be conducted by the Special District.

PRIMARY ELECTION

- **July 12:** Last day to register to vote in the Primary Election.
- **August 10:** **PRIMARY ELECTION DAY**

GENERAL ELECTION

- **September 17:** Last day to file pro/con comments pertaining to local ballot issues with the designated election official in order to be included in the issue mailing.
- **October 4:** Last day to register to vote in the General Election.
- **October 18-29:** Early voting begins at designated sites for the General Election.
- **November 2:** **GENERAL ELECTION DAY**

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2. How many registered voters does Mesa County have?

- Mesa County has 96,186 registered voters as of February 1, 2010.

3. How many of those voters are (as of February 1, 2010)?

- **Republican:** 41,558
- **Democrat:** 21,023
- **Unaffiliated:** 33,027
- **Green Party:** 136
- **Libertarian:** 371
- **Other:** 71

4. How can voters check to see if they are registered to vote?

- Voters may contact or visit the Elections Division at 244-1662, 544 Rood Avenue, Courthouse Annex, 3rd Floor, Grand Junction, or visit the Elections Division website at vote.mesacounty.us and click on “Am I registered to vote in Mesa County?”

5. How can voters register to vote?

- To register to vote, a voter must fill out a registration application and mail or deliver it to the Elections Division. Voter registration applications are available on the web at vote.mesacounty.us or at the following locations:
 - ❖ Mesa County Elections Division, 544 Rood Ave., Courthouse Annex, Third Floor
 - ❖ Mesa County Recording Division, 544 Rood Ave., Courthouse, First Floor
 - ❖ The Mesa County Motor Vehicle offices
 - Fruita Civic Center, 325 E. Aspen, Fruita
 - Mesa Mall, JC Penney Wing, 2424 Hwy. 6 & 50, Grand Junction
 - Peachtree Shopping Center, 3225 I-70 Business Loop, Clifton
 - Mesa County Fairgrounds, 2775 Hwy. 50, Grand Junction

6. What are the requirements to register to vote?

- You Must:
 - Be a U.S. Citizen.
 - Register to vote no later than 29 days before the election.
 - Be 18 years old on or before the date of the election in which you want to vote.
 - Reside in Colorado and at your present address at least 30 days before the election.

7. What are the acceptable forms of ID to register to vote?

- A valid driver's license; or
- A valid identification card issued by the Colorado Department of Revenue; or
- A valid U.S. passport; or
- A valid employee identification card with a photograph of the eligible elector issued by any U.S., state or local government; or
- A valid pilot's license; or
- A valid U.S. military identification card with a photograph of the eligible elector;
- A copy of a current (no less than 60 days old) utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the name and address of the elector;
- A valid Medicare or Medicaid card issued by the United States; A certified copy of a birth certificate for the elector issued in the United States; or
- Certified documentation of naturalization.
- A valid student identification card with a photograph of the eligible elector issued by an institution of higher education in Colorado, as defined in section 23-3.1-102(5).

8. How can voters know where their polling place is?

- Voters may contact or visit the Elections Division at 244-1662, 544 Rood Avenue, Courthouse Annex, 3rd Floor, Grand Junction, or visit the Elections Division website at vote.mesacounty.us; click on the *Elections* link.
- *Mesa County offers Vote Centers on Election Day in partisan years. This allows the voter to vote at any convenient Vote Center location.*
- *During non-partisan years (i.e., 2011), Mesa County conducts elections by all mail-in ballots. If you are an active registered voter, you can expect a ballot to arrive in your mail box.*

9. How can voters know what County Commissioner/State House District they live in?

- Voters may contact or visit the Elections Division at 244-1662, 544 Rood Avenue, Courthouse Annex, 3rd Floor, Grand Junction. Voters can also click on the *Maps* link on the Elections website at vote.mesacounty.us or voters may contact the Elections Division at 244-1662.

10. How many precincts does Mesa County have?

- Mesa County has 82 precincts.

11. Is the Clerk and Recorder recruiting elections judges?

- *Yes!* In 2010, between 4 and 12 election judges are needed for every Voter Center. This means we need many people to offer their service and work in the Voter Centers on Election Day. Please help us get the word out that we are seeking qualified individuals to work in the 2010 General Election. *We welcome high school students (Junior or Senior and 16 years or older).*

The qualifications are:

- Must be registered elector who resides in Mesa County; and
- Must be physically and mentally able to perform the assigned tasks; and
- Must attend an election judge training class; and
- Cannot have been convicted of election fraud, or any other election offense or fraud; and
- Cannot be a candidate whose name appears on the ballot, or a member of the immediate family, or related by blood or marriage to the second degree, of a candidate whose name appears on the ballot.

12. What are the deadlines to register to vote in the 2010 Elections?

- January 19, 2010- Political Precinct Caucus
- March 8, 2010- Municipal Election
- April 5, 2010- Special District Election
- July 12, 2010- Primary Election
- October 4, 2010- General Election

13. Deadline to apply for a Vote-by-Mail Ballot for the Election?

- If the ballot is mailed to the voter:
 - August 3, 2010- Primary Election
 - October 26, 2010- General Election
- If the voter picks up his/her ballot from the Elections Division:
 - August 6, 2010- Primary Election
 - October 29, 2010- General Election
- If you are interested in a mail-in ballot for 2010, you may apply anytime at any Clerk's Office or download the application on line at <http://vote.mesacounty.us>.

14. What candidate races will appear on the 2010 General Election Ballot?

GENERAL ELECTION INFORMATION

- ❖ UNITED STATES SENATE
- ❖ REPRESENTATIVE TO THE 111th U.S. CONGRESS, 3RD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
- ❖ GOVERNOR/ LT. GOVERNOR
- ❖ SECRETARY OF STATE
- ❖ STATE TREASURER
- ❖ ATTORNEY GENERAL
- ❖ STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
- ❖ STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, CU REGENT
- ❖ STATE SENATE, DISTRICT 7
- ❖ STATE HOUSE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 54
- ❖ STATE HOUSE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 55
- ❖ MESA COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 2
- ❖ MESA COUNTY ASSESSOR
- ❖ MESA COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER
- ❖ MESA COUNTY CORONER
- ❖ MESA COUNTY SHERIFF
- ❖ MESA COUNTY SURVEYOR
- ❖ MESA COUNTY TREASURER
- ❖ DISTRICT JUDGE, 21st JUDICIAL DISTRICT
- ❖ MESA COUNTY JUDGE, 21st JUDICIAL DISTRICT