



# NC Poll Observer Recruiting Q&As



NCGS [§163-45](#) allows county party chairmen to appoint volunteer poll observers who may remain inside the voting enclosure on any day the polls are open for voting. Here are some frequently asked questions:

**Q: How do I become a poll observer that works inside the precinct?**

A: Contact the county party chairman of your choice.

**Q: Who appoints the poll observers?**

A: The county chair for any political party that's participating in the election.

**Q: How many poll observers are allowed?**

A: Each party may assign two observers to each specific precinct and ten "at-large" observers who may enter any precinct or early-voting site in the entire county.

**Q: How long must Poll Observers serve?**

A: They can be relieved after serving a minimum 4-hour shift and work as many days as they want.

**Q: What if I'm registered as Unaffiliated?**

A: As Unaffiliated, you're not in a party, but any party in your county can sponsor you into the position.

**Q: Where can I get training as a poll observer?**

A: In addition to any party-specific training you may need, NCEIT offers numerous training workshops.

**Q: How much training are poll observers required to have?**

A: All poll observer training requirements are left up to your sponsoring political party.

**Q: What is the deadline for appointments?**

A: Two signed copies of the party's observer list are due at the County Board of Elections (CBE) "before 10:00 A.M. on the fifth day before the observer is to observe."

**Q: What happens if my schedule changes and I cannot serve on a particular day?**

A: The law allows certain observer lists to "be amended between the one-stop period [ . . . ] and general election day to substitute one or all at-large observers for election day."

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