



## The Draft

A draft is the mandatory enrollment of individuals into the armed forces. The United States military has been all-volunteer since 1973. But an Act of Congress could still reinstate the draft in case of a national emergency. The [Selective Service System](#) is the agency that registers men and is responsible for running a draft.

## Who Must Register with Selective Service

- Almost all men age 18-25 who are U.S. citizens or are immigrants living in the U.S. are required to be registered with Selective Service. U.S. law calls for citizens to register within 30 days of turning 18 and immigrants to register within 30 days of arriving in the U.S.
- Men in the U.S. on student, visitor, or diplomatic visas and women are not required to register. For other exemptions and for transgender people, see the [Who Must Register](#) chart.

The Selective Service System verification webpage is: <https://www.sss.gov/verify/>



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