

Voting in the Presidential Primary

Your ballot will be mailed by **February 21**.
Follow these steps for your vote to count.

1 Read the declarations on your return envelope.

2 Mark **one** political party declaration box (required).

3 Sign and date the declarations (required).

1 **Voter's Declaration:** I do solemnly swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that I am a Washington resident and meet the requirements for voting mandated by state law; at the time of voting, I am not under the authority of the Department of Corrections for a Washington felony conviction; and I am not voting in any other jurisdiction in the United States for this election. It is illegal when not qualified, attempting to vote more than once, or falsely signing this declaration. If convicted of this offense, I am liable for a maximum fine of \$10,000, or both.

2 **Mark one party declaration box (required)**

Democratic Party
I declare that my party preference is the Democratic Party and I will not participate in the nomination process of any other political party for the 2020 Presidential election.

Republican Party
I declare that I am a Republican and I have not participated and will not participate in the 2020 precinct caucus or convention system of any other party.

3 **Sign & date**

signature of voter (required) date phone (optional)

If you cannot sign, make a mark and have two witnesses sign below.
Power of Attorney cannot be used to sign for someone else.

witness 1 signature witness 2 signature

4 Vote for **one** candidate from the political party you marked in Step 2.

5 Follow steps shown on the insert included in your ballot packet to return your voted ballot.



Why do I need to mark a party box?

For this election only, you must mark and sign a party declaration for your vote to count. The major political parties require voters to mark a party box.

If you mark the Democratic Party box, you must vote for a Democrat.

If you mark the Republican Party box, you must vote for a Republican.

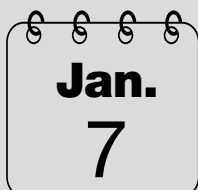
Attempts to change the party declaration wording could result in your ballot not being counted.

Your choice of party will not affect how you may vote in future elections.

Vote for one.

You may vote for one candidate **or** the “Uncommitted Delegates” option, but not both.

- A vote for one candidate listed on the ballot directs party delegates to support that candidate at their national convention.
- A vote for Uncommitted Delegates allows uncommitted party delegates who represent Washington to decide during their national convention.



On January 7, each political party decided which candidates would be printed on their side of the ballot. The uncommitted option was requested by the Democratic Party. It was not requested by the Republican Party. Once the list of candidates was submitted to the Office of the Secretary of State, changes could not be made. (RCW 29A.56)

How do I register to vote in Washington?

Qualifications

You must be at least 18 years old, a U.S. citizen, a resident of Washington, and not under Department of Corrections supervision for a Washington felony conviction. 16- and 17-year-olds can sign up as Future Voters and will be registered to vote when they turn 18.



How do I register to vote?

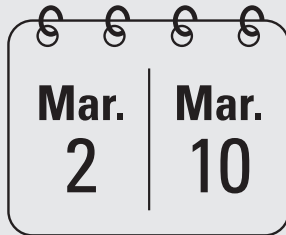
Online: Register at votewa.gov

By mail: Request a paper form be mailed to you or print your own at sos.wa.gov/elections

No internet access? Call (800) 448-4881.

In person: Visit your county elections office (listed at the end of this pamphlet).

Registration deadlines



By mail or online: Your application must be received no later than March 2.

In person: Visit a local voting center no later than 8 p.m. on March 10.

Moved? Update your voting address

Contact your county elections office to request a ballot at your new address.



By March 2: Have your application received by mail or updated online.

Or

By March 10: Visit a local voting center in person.

What if I'm not 18 yet?



If you are 16 or 17, become a Future Voter!

Future Voter

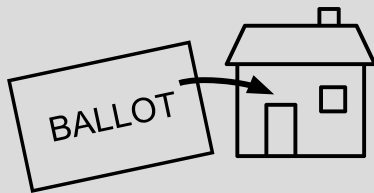
16- and 17-year-olds can use the Voter Registration form to sign up as Future Voters and be automatically registered to vote when they turn 18.

Every year on Temperance and Good Citizenship Day (January 16), high school students 16 and older are given the opportunity to complete a voter registration in class.

How do I cast a ballot?

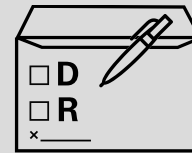
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Your ballot will be mailed by **February 21** to the address you provide in your voter registration. If you need a replacement ballot, contact your county elections office listed at the end of this pamphlet.



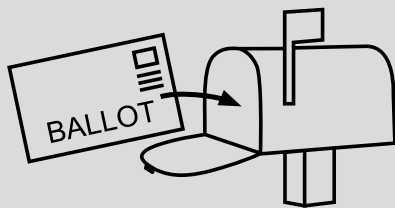
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Vote your ballot and sign your return envelope. **For this election only, you must mark and sign a party declaration for your vote to count.**



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Return your ballot by mail, no stamp needed. If mailed, your ballot must be postmarked by **March 10**. Or use an official ballot drop box until 8 p.m. on March 10.



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Did someone offer to drop off your ballot for you? Only give your ballot to someone you trust. We recommend returning your ballot by mail or to an official drop box.



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Check the status of your ballot on **votewa.gov** to see if it has been received by your county elections office.

Election staff will contact you before your ballot is processed if:

- Your signature is missing
- Your signature doesn't match your voter registration record
- You did not mark a party box

View election results online

After 8 p.m. on election night, tallied results from each county are posted at **sos.wa.gov/elections**

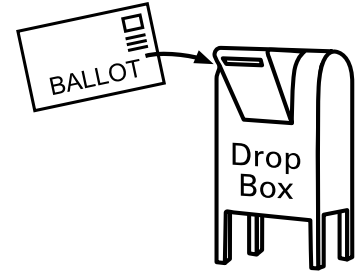
Results are updated as counties report and unofficial until certification.

How is my ballot counted?

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Your county receives your ballot

Deposit your ballot in an official drop box by 8 p.m. on Election Day, or return your ballot by mail — postage paid — but make sure it's postmarked no later than Election Day!



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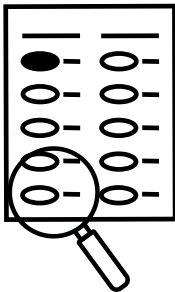
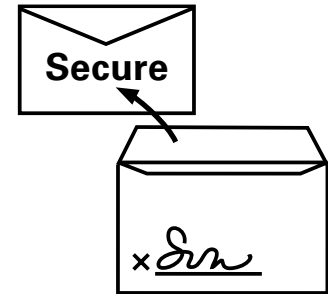
Your signature is verified

The signature on your return envelope is compared to the signature on your voter registration record. If the signature matches, you are credited for voting to ensure only one ballot is counted for you.

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Envelopes and sleeves are separated

The return envelope is opened and the security envelope or sleeve containing your ballot is removed. They are separated to ensure the secrecy of your vote.



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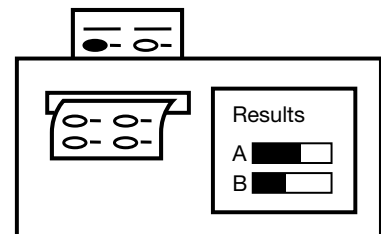
Your ballot is reviewed and scanned

The security envelope or sleeve is opened and election staff review your ballot to verify that it can be successfully scanned.

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Your ballot is counted

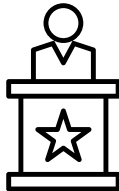
After 8 p.m. on Election Day all scanned ballots are tallied. Ballots will be scanned and tallied over the next several days until all the votes are counted.



Important dates for 2020



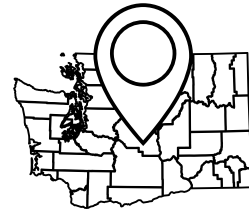
Mark your calendar for these upcoming dates:



March 10, 2020 – Presidential Primary

April 28, 2020 –

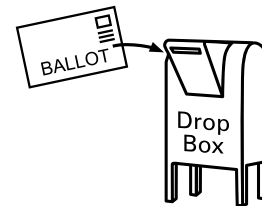
Special Election, only in some counties



July 13–17, 2020 –

National Disability Voter Registration Week

August 4, 2020 – Primary Election

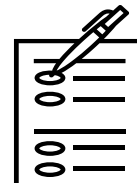


September 22, 2020 –

National Voter Registration Day

November 3, 2020 –

General and Presidential Election



How do I vote as a...



Military or overseas voter

Register to vote anytime on or before Election Day. You may receive your ballot by mail, email, or fax. Spouses and dependents also away from home have the same voting rights.



New Washington resident

Welcome! Register to vote online, by mail, in person, or when you get your new driver's license or ID at the Department of Licensing. You may not vote in more than one place, so cancel your previous voter registration.



College student

Register to vote using either your home or school address, but you may not vote in more than one place. Your ballot can be mailed to you anywhere in the world; however, your residential address must remain in Washington.



Seasonal resident

Vote in Washington even if you're away during an election. To ensure you receive your ballot, update your mailing address at votewa.gov or with your county elections office. Your ballot can be mailed to you anywhere in the world; however, your residential address must remain in Washington. You may not vote in more than one place.



Convicted felon

If you were convicted of a felony in Washington, your right to vote is restored when you are no longer under Department of Corrections supervision. You must register to vote in order to receive a ballot.