Introduction

Voting is the expression of our commitment to ourselves, one another, this country, and this world. — Sharon Salzberg

In the following pages you will find many ways to become involved and learn about the election process. People involved with elections are passionate about what they are doing, and with the help of organizations and citizens we will be able to engage new voters and assist those who have questions about the election process.

The Secretary of State’s Guide to Voter Registration Drives is designed to help political parties, voter registration drive coordinators, and volunteers understand their responsibilities and requirements when helping people register to vote.

As our state becomes increasingly diverse, we seek to make voting as inclusive and accessible as possible, and will continue to work with organizations, and provide them with tools to run successful voter registration drives.

Lori Augino
Director of Elections

| 4.4 m  | 39 | 82% |
| Registered voters in Washington | Counties in Washington | Percentage of voting eligible population (VEP) registered |
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The Basics

Vote By Mail
Washington voters receive and return their ballots through the US Postal Service.

Ballots
Ballots are mailed 18 days prior to an election.

Registration
Registration deadlines are changing for the 2019 August Primary. See page 8 for details.

Voter’s Pamphlet
Voter’s pamphlets are sent to every household in Washington before ballots are issued.

Party Affiliation
Voters in Washington do not register by political party.

Administration
Elections are administered by each county elections division.
Voter Eligibility

Voters must meet all of the following requirements in order to register to vote:

1. U.S. Citizen
   Having a green card or permanent residency status is not citizenship.

2. Legal resident of Washington State
   A person must establish a residential address in Washington at least 30 days before Election Day.

3. At least 18 years old by Election Day
   If a person is currently 17 but will be 18 years old by the date of the next election, they may register to vote. Starting in July 2019, 16- and 17-year-olds may sign up to become automatically registered once they turn 18.

4. Not disqualified from voting due to a court order
   Only a Superior Court Judge can declare a person unable to vote due to mental incompetency. Do not assume that a person under guardianship is ineligible to vote.

5. Not under the Department of Corrections supervision for a Washington felony conviction
   A person's right to vote is restored once they are no longer in prison or community custody (supervision, parole) with the Washington State Department of Corrections (DOC). Once the right to vote is restored, a person must re-register to vote.

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Just because you do not take an interest in politics, doesn’t mean that politics won’t take an interest in you. — Pericles
Laws & Rules

Volunteers

Anyone may register voters. Volunteers who are not eligible to vote themselves may still register others to vote.

Compensation for Volunteers

Voter registration coordinators may not compensate or reward staff members or volunteers based on the number of voters they register. However, pay rewards are permitted for time spent registering voters (RCW 29A.84.130)

Rewards, Prizes, or Gifts

Rewards, prizes, or gifts may not be offered in exchange for registering to vote. Promotional gifts, such as buttons or candy, must be given to anyone who asks, regardless of their eligibility, party preference, or intention to register to vote.

Partisan Materials

Partisan materials cannot be handed out if your organization is a 501(c)(3), or if you receive state funds.

Completed Registration Forms

Make sure paper registration forms are physically returned to an elections office at least 8 days prior to Election Day, and no later than 5 days after you receive them. Form submitted within the 8-day deadline will take effect for the next election. An organization may make discrete marks on the voter registration forms to keep track of volunteers and for quality assurance purposes.
Best Practices

Storing Completed Forms
Have a safe place set aside for completed forms. This could be a box, envelope, or other container to prevent forms from being taken or damaged.

Forms from Multiple Counties
If you have forms from many counties, it's best to send the forms to the Secretary of State Elections Division. The state will forward the registration forms to the appropriate counties.

Collaboration
Team up with existing event organizers if there's something going on in your city, town, or campus that's sure to draw a crowd.

Name Changes
Voters with name changes must complete a new registration if their driver's license or state ID is issued with their new name.

Tracking
If your organization wants to track the number of registrations and updates submitted through VoteWA, the State Elections Division can provide a unique URL.
Paper Registration

When using a paper registration form like the one on the following page, double-check that all the required fields have been completed. Missing information can cause registrations to be delayed or rejected. Starting July 2019, register by mail or online no later than 8 days before Election Day. You may always register in person at your county elections department no later than 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

1. The residential address must be in Washington. The residential address determines which races and measures will be on a voter's ballot. The residential address may either be a traditional or non-traditional address. A nontraditional address consists of a narrative description of a voter's residence, and must provide enough detail to assign a precinct and locate the voter to confirm their address. PO boxes may not be used as a residential address. The mailing address is where the ballot will be sent, and can be anywhere in the world.

2. Verify the person has answered both questions regarding qualifications.

3. If the person qualifies as a military or overseas voter, make sure they complete this section.

4. To complete this form, a person will need a Washington driver's license, state ID number, or last 4 digits of their Social Security number. Applicants without one of these standard IDs may leave this section blank but will be asked for alternative ID by their county elections department before the registration can be approved.

5. If a person was previously registered in Washington under a different name or address, they should complete the fifth section of the form.

6. Make sure the person signs the declaration and that the signature is clear.

By voting, we add our voice to the chorus that forms opinions and the basis for actions. — Jens Stoltenberg
Guide to Registering Voters

Instructions
Use this form to register to vote or update your current registration.
Print all information clearly using black or blue pen. Mail this completed form to your county elections office (address on back).

Deadline
This registration will be in effect for the next election if received by the elections office no later than eight days before Election Day.

Voting
You will receive your ballot in the mail. Contact your county elections office for accessible voting options.

Public Information
Your name, address, gender, and date of birth will be public information if you are at least eighteen years of age.

Notice
Knowingly providing false information about yourself or your qualifications for voter registration is a class C felony punishable by imprisonment for up to five years, a fine of up to $10,000, or both.

Public Benefits Offices
If you received this form from a public benefits office, where you received the form will remain confidential and will be used for voter registration purposes only.
Registering or declining to register will not affect the assistance provided to you by any public benefits office. If you decline to register, your decision will remain confidential.
If you believe someone interfered with your right to register, or your right to privacy in deciding whether to register, you may file a complaint with the Washington State Elections Division.

Contact Information
If you would like help with this form, contact the Washington State Elections Division.

Web
www.votewa.gov
Call
(800) 448-4881
Email
elections@sos.wa.gov
Mail
PO Box 40229
Olympia, WA 98504-0229

Washington State Voter Registration Form
Register online at www.votewa.gov.

1 Personal Information

last first middle suffix

date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy) gender

residential address in Washington apt #
city ZIP

mailing address, if different

city state and ZIP

phone number (optional) email address (optional)

2 Qualifications

If you answer no, do not complete this form.

☐ yes ☐ no I am a citizen of the United States of America.

☐ yes ☐ no I am at least eighteen years old, or at least sixteen years old and will vote only after I turn eighteen.

3 Military / Overseas Status

☐ yes ☐ no I am currently serving in the military. Includes National Guard and Reserves, and spouses or dependents away from home due to service.

☐ yes ☐ no I live outside the United States.

4 Identification — Washington Driver License, Permit, or ID

If you do not have a Washington driver license, permit, or ID, you may use the last four digits of your Social Security number to register.

5 Change of Name or Address

This information will be used to update your current registration, if applicable.

former last name first middle

former residential address city state and ZIP

6 Declaration

I declare that the facts on this voter registration form are true. I am a citizen of the United States, I will have lived at this address in Washington for at least thirty days immediately before the next election at which I vote, I will be at least eighteen years old when I vote, I am not disqualified from voting due to a court order, and I am not under Department of Corrections supervision for a Washington felony conviction.

sign here date here

Voter Registration Forms are available in 20 different languages.

- English
- Chinese / 中文
- Spanish / Español
- Vietnamese / Tiếng Việt
- Amharic / ኤርምጃ
- Arabic / العربية
- Bengali / বাংলা
- Burmese / မြန်မာစာ
- Farsi / فارسی
- Hindi / हिन्दी
- Khmer / ភាសាខ្មែរ
- Japanese / 日本語
- Korean / 한국어
- Laotian / ໄທພາສາ
- Punjabi / ਪੰਜਾਬੀ
- Russian / Русский
- Somali / Soomaali
- Tagalog
- Tigrinya / ፤ግርኛ
- Ukrainian / Український

Forms available at vote.wa.gov
VoteWA

VoteWA offers an easy-to-use online voter portal where you can register to vote, update your address, and get up-to-date voting information on everything from your elected officials, voters’ guide, ballot drop box locations, voting center locations, voting history, and current ballot status. Using VoteWA, to submit a new registration or voter information update requires a valid Washington State driver license or State ID. VoteWA is available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Korean.

To register, go to VoteWA at votewa.gov. The system will notify users if the deadline has passed to register electronically for an upcoming election, and direct them to in-person voter registration services. To begin an electronic application, click “start” on the home screen.

Users will then be directed to enter information regarding personal identification, language preference, military service, and their address within Washington. Users will then be asked to affirm the accuracy of the information entered, and to authorize the use of their signature on their driver’s license for voter registration purposes.

Upon submitting the registration, VoteWA users will be presented with a confirmation of its receipt, as well as information about their county of registration.
Voters who are already registered may log in to VoteWA by providing their first name, last name, and date of birth. This information must be entered exactly as it appears in the voter’s registration records.

Upon logging in, voters can verify their residential and mailing address as well as their voter registration status. If the residential or mailing addresses are not current, or if the registration status is listed as inactive, the voter may click “update my address” to change their registration status to active.
Registration FAQs

For a complete list of FAQs, please visit our website at vote.wa.gov. We have general and election-specific FAQs, which are regularly updated. If you still have any questions that haven’t been answered, please don’t hesitate to contact us.

How can I verify a voter’s registration status?
Roughly 60% of the registration applications submitted are from people who are already registered, but who either forget that they are already registered or need to update their address. The Office of the Secretary of State offers an online portal called VoteWA that allows voters to confirm whether they are already registered. VoteWA also allows voters to update an address if they moved within the same county, eliminating the need to submit a new registration application.

Can a voter’s registration status change?
Yes. The same registration may have multiple transactions. For example, the same registration may:
• Become active in 2014;
• Become inactive when the voter moves in February 2015 and fails to notify the County Auditor;
• Become active again when the voter updates his or her registration in July 2015;
• Become inactive when the voter moves again in March 2016; and
• Be cancelled in 2019 if the registration remains inactive through two federal general elections.

What is an “inactive” registration?
If an election-related piece of mail is returned by the post office as undeliverable to the voter at that address, the registration is placed on “inactive” status. A voter who is on inactive status may return to active status at any time by updating his or her address, requesting a ballot, or submitting a new voter registration application. This process is pursuant to state and federal law.

Can an inactive registration be cancelled?
If the registration remains on inactive status through two consecutive federal general elections, the registration is cancelled. This is in compliance with state law and the federal National Voter Registration Act.
Is notice provided to a voter when the status of their registration changes?
Yes. Both state and federal law require that a notice be sent to the voter any time a change in the status of a registration occurs.

Can a registration be cancelled if the voter does not vote?
If the registration remains on inactive status through two consecutive federal general elections, the registration is cancelled. This is in compliance with state law and the federal National Voter Registration Act.

Can a registration be “removed” or “purged” for no reason?
No. A voter may only have their registration cancelled for one or more of the following reasons:

- The voter requests that his or her registration be cancelled;
- The registration file duplicates another, more current registration file for the same voter;
- The registration has been on “inactive” status through two federal elections;
- The voter is ineligible to vote due to a court order;
- The voter is ineligible to vote due to incarceration for a felony offense; or
- The voter is deceased.

What if a voter wants to know why their registration status was changed?
If a voter wants to know why the status of a registration changed, or is concerned that a registration was changed in error, a voter can contact the county elections department in the county where the voter is registered to get specific information on a registration file.

Where can I find the state and federal laws that govern voter registration?
### Elections Office Contacts

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