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# Felony Conviction and Voting Rights

A black and white photograph of the Idaho State Capitol building. The building is a grand, classical structure with a large, prominent dome topped by a spire. The dome is surrounded by a circular colonnade of columns. Below the dome, the building features a series of tall, rectangular windows and a portico with columns. In the foreground, there is a street with a few parked cars and some landscaping, including bushes and a small tree. The sky is clear and bright.

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## Voter Eligibility Requirements


### 1 U.S. Citizen

You must be a citizen of the United States.

### 2 Legal resident of Washington State

You must establish a residential address at least 30 days before election day.

### 3 At least 18 years old

 If you are 16 or 17, you can sign up as a Future Voter and be automatically registered to vote when you qualify.

### 4 Not disqualified from voting due to a court order

Only a Superior Court Judge can declare you unable to vote due to mental incompetency.

### 5 Not in total confinement for a felony conviction in Washington state

Your right to vote is restored as long as you are no longer serving a sentence of total confinement in prison with the Washington State Department of Corrections (DOC) or currently incarcerated for a federal or out-of-state felony conviction. After your right to vote is restored, you may re-register to vote.

## Voting Rights Restoration

### When the right to vote is restored

If you were convicted of a felony in a Washington State court, your right to vote is restored automatically once you are no longer serving a sentence of total confinement in prison.

If you were convicted of a felony in another state or in federal court, your right to vote is restored automatically as long as you are no longer serving a sentence of total confinement in prison.

You do not lose the right to vote for a misdemeanor conviction or a conviction in juvenile court.

### Under Department of Corrections Authority

Only people in total confinement for a felony conviction are not eligible to vote.



Accessible voter registration and voting options are available. Call 1 (800) 448-4881 for more information.

## Ways to Register to Vote



Once your right to vote is restored, you must register to vote if you want to receive a ballot. If you were previously registered to vote, you must re-register to vote.



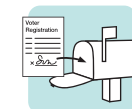
### Online

You can register to vote online using your Washington State Driver's License or ID Card at **VoteWA.gov**.



### In-Person

You can locate your County Elections Office at **sos.wa.gov/elections**, then register to vote in-person during business hours.



### By Mail

You can request to have a voter registration form mailed to you at **sos.wa.gov/elections** or by calling 1 (800) 448-4881. You can choose to return that form by mail or in-person at your County Elections Office.