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ELECTIONS NOTICE

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Voter Registration Applicants without Identification

An applicant is registered to vote when all five pieces of *required* information are provided: name, residential address, birth date, signature, and a mark attesting to citizenship. A driver's license number, state ID card number or the last four digits of an applicant's social security number is *requested* in order to register an applicant to vote.

If numbers are provided, and they match information from the Department of Licensing or the Social Security Administration, and all other required information is provided, the applicant is registered to vote. (Note: Military and overseas voters are not required to provide identification when registering to vote.)

If identification information is not provided, or, the information does not match through the VRDB, the correct procedure is to provisionally register the voter. The County Auditor may use other available government resources to verify the voter's identity or contact the voter for identification information, and update the voter's status as applicable. If the County Auditor is unable to verify the voter's identity, the voter is provisionally registered to vote and sent an Identification Notice. (WAC 434-250-045)

The Identification Notice must caution the voter that if identification is not provided, the voter's ballot will not be counted. The notice must also list the acceptable forms of alternate identification, which include:

- Valid photo identification;
- Valid enrollment card of a federally recognized Indian tribe in Washington State;
- A copy of a current utility bill
- A current bank statement
- A copy of a current paycheck; or
- A government document, other than a voter registration card, which shows both the name and address of the voter.

The voter may provide alternate identification prior to an election or along with his or her ballot. The County Auditor may provide an inner envelope separate from the

security envelope for return of the photocopied identification. After it is received, the voter is no longer provisionally registered and is not required to provide further identification.

Ballots must be issued to provisionally registered voters, but such ballots **will not be counted** until identification is provided.

Voters remain provisionally registered until they provide identification or through two federal general elections. If identification has not been received through two federal general elections, the registration is canceled.

For a refresher of the complete process, please review [WAC 434-250-045](#) or contact the Certification and Training Program at (360) 902-4180.