Cancellation Due to Death—Official Death Certificates
Election Clearinghouse Notice
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This Clearinghouse is issued to reflect a recent interpretation of state law.

Under RCW 29A.08.510 and WAC 434-324-090, County Auditors are authorized to cancel voter registrations due to death when verified by one of the following:

- Vital Statistics records.
- Records from other government agencies. This includes federal agencies and agencies in other states.
- Obituaries.
- Signed statements from registered voters.

Official death certificates are issued by government agencies. A copy of an official death certificate received in person, by mail, or via email may be used to cancel a voter registration. A signed statement from a registered voter is not required if a copy of the certificate is provided.

Documents used to cancel voter registrations must be retained according to the County Auditor Records Retention Schedule issued by the Washington State Archives.