



Do you have questions or need assistance registering to vote?

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Voting After a Felony Conviction

Your voting rights were restored upon release from prison.

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Voter Eligibility Requirements


1 U.S. Citizen

You must be a citizen of the United States.

2 Washington state resident

Your residential address must be in Washington. If you have a non-traditional address, you can still register to vote. Use a description of your location ("Washington Park" or "Corner of Seventh and Idaho") as your residential address and "general delivery, city, state, zip code" for your mailing address.

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. If you will be 18 by the November Election, you can vote in the Primary Election.

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.

Voting Rights Restoration

When the right to vote is restored

Washington now restores voting rights to citizens with felony convictions **immediately** upon release from prison.

Your right to vote is automatically restored once you're no longer serving a sentence of total confinement in any state or federal prison, including for federal or out-of-state felony convictions.

You can vote while in partial confinement at a reentry center, or on community supervision, including Graduated Reentry and Community Parenting Alternative, as well as on probation or parole.

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

Past felony conviction?

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Washington votes by mail every election

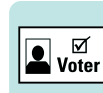
Once you are registered to vote, there is no need to request a ballot. Your ballot will be mailed to the residence (or mailing address) that you provide on your registration form.

Voters are sent a ballot at least 18 days before each election and return postage is prepaid.



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

Ways to Register to Vote



Register to vote upon your release from prison. Even if you were previously registered to vote, or voted before your felony conviction, you will need to re-register to receive a ballot.



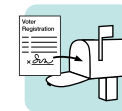
Online

You can register to vote online at **VoteWA.gov** using your Washington state driver's license, permit, ID, or the last four digits of your Social Security number.



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.