

Guide to Registering Voters

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Know the basics

Vote by mail

Washington state votes by mail.

Ballots are mailed 18 days prior to an election.

Voters must be registered and have their address up-to-date to receive a ballot. New registrations and updates can be submitted online with MyVote, by mail or in person.

Registrations are not by party affiliation.

Elections are administered by each county elections department.

Voter eligibility

Registered voters must be:

A citizen of the United States	Permanent residency or having green card is not the same as being a citizen.
A legal resident of Washington State	A person must establish a residential address at least 30 days before Election Day.
At least 18 years old by Election Day	If a person is currently 17 but will be 18 years old by Election Day, they can register to vote.
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 a guardianship due to mental incapacity is ineligible to vote.
Not under the Department of Corrections supervision for a Washington felony conviction	A felon's right to vote is restored as long as they are no longer in prison or on community custody (supervision, parole) with the Washington State Department of Corrections (DOC). Once their right to vote is restored, they must re-register in order to vote.

Laws and rules

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

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

Rewards, prizes or gifts may not be offered to people 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 cannot be handed out if your organization is a 501(c)3 or if you receive state funds.

Return completed registration forms **no later than five days** after you receive them, or before the voter registration deadline (whichever is first). You may return them by mail or in person to your county elections department or the Office of the Secretary of State.

Voter registration information that is public include first name, last name, date of birthday and address.

Dates and deadlines

Plan voter registrations in accordance with the dates and deadlines.

29 days before election day	Deadline for online and mail-in voter registration, address change and other updates
8 days before election day	Deadline for new Washington State voter registration (in person only)

New applications and updates submitted after the deadlines will take effect for the next election.

Best practices

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.

Don't just ask if people need to register to vote, ask if their address is current. In Washington a person needs to update their voter registration records if they change their residential address, mailing address and/or name.

Contact the State Elections Division for outreach materials, workshops and educational opportunities. Your county elections department is also a great contact for resources and more information.

Washington State Voter Registration Form

Register online at www.myvote.wa.gov

1 Personal information

Best practices

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

If you have forms from many counties, it's best to send the forms to the State Elections Division.

middle _____
_____ male female
apt # _____
ZIP _____
city _____ state / ZIP _____
phone number (optional) _____ email address (optional) _____

2 Qualifications

If you mark no to either of these questions, do not complete this form

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

yes no I will be at least 18 years old by the next election.

3 Military / overseas status

I am in the Armed Forces (includes National Guard and Reserves; and military spouses or dependents away from home because of service).

I live outside the U.S.

4 Identification — Washington driver license / ID number

If you do not have a Washington driver license or ID, provide the last four digits of your Social Security number

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5 Former registration

If you are already registered and are changing your name or address, fill out this section (this information will be used to update your registration)

former last name _____ first _____ middle _____

former residential address _____ city _____ state / 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 18 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 [

4. A Washington State driver licence, state ID number or the last 4 digits of their Social Security number. Applicants without these standard IDs may leave this blank but will be asked for alternative ID by their county elections department before the registration is approved.
5. If a voter needs to update their voter registration records, they should include their former registration information so a duplicate registration is not generated.
6. Make sure the voter signs and that the signature is clear.

MyVote, your personalized elections toolkit

MyVote is where you can register to vote, update your address, and research your own customized election information.

Using MyVote to submit a new registration or voter information update requires a valid Washington State driver license or state ID.

Register to vote

1. Go to **www.myvote.wa.gov** and log in. New users will be given the option to “Register to Vote”
2. Complete the Washington State Identification page, and make sure the first name, last name, date of birth and driver license or state ID number match the information exactly as it appears on the driver license or state ID.
3. If the security check words are not legible, you can press the circular arrow button on the right to get a new word.

1 log in

It appears you are not currently registered to vote in Washington. Please click "Register to Vote" to begin the registration process. If you believe you are registered to vote, please check the information entered below. If you need to make a correction, make it below and click "continue".

first name

last name

date of birth
Month Day Year
1 1 1997

2 Washington State Identification

Your name and birth date must match your Washington State driver license or ID card.

To continue, enter your name and birth date to match your driver license or ID card.

first name

middle name

last name

gender


date of birth
month day year

driver license/ID #

what is this?

3 security check

For added security, enter the words below, separated by a space.



Type the two words:

Check a voter's registration status

1. Log in to **www.myvote.wa.gov** with first and last name, and date of birth exactly as it appears in the voter registration records. If MyVote is unable to find the person in the system, ask if they registered using a name variation, such as William, Bill or Will. If you still cannot find them, contact the Secretary of State's Elections Division at **(800) 448-4881**.
2. Make sure their residential and mailing addresses are current and their registration status is active.
 - 2.1. If the residential and mailing addresses are not current, click on "update my address". If registration status says inactive, the person should update their address (even if their address hasn't changed), to change their voter registration status to active.

The screenshot shows the MyVote website interface. On the left, under a green circle '1', is the 'log in' section with input fields for 'first name', 'last name', and 'date of birth' (with dropdowns for Month, Day, and Year). A 'continue' button is below. On the right, under a green circle '2', is the 'my voter registration information' section. It features a vertical menu with options: 'my voter registration information', 'my candidates & ballot measures', 'ballot drop boxes & voting centers', 'ballot status', 'elections in which I voted', and 'my districts & elected officials'. A green circle '2.1' highlights the 'ballot status' option. To the right of this menu is a list of registration details: 'personal information', 'registration date', 'registration status', 'county', 'precinct code', 'residential address', 'mailing address', 'county information', and 'ballot delivery method' (with 'Postal Mail' selected). An 'update my address' button is at the bottom right.

Best practices

If a person needs to change their name, MyVote requires a driver license or state ID with the new name. The person must complete a new registration and cancel their previous registration with the county elections department.

If your organization wants to track the number of registrations and updates submitted through MyVote, the State Elections Division can provide a unique URL. Visit **www.vote.wa.gov** under Civics Education for more information.

Update Address

1. Log in to MyVote and make sure the first name, last name and date of birth match the voter’s registration records.
2. Once you locate the voter, click on “update my address.”
3. Complete the Washington State Identification page, and ensure the name, last name, date of birth and driver license or state ID match the information exactly as it appears on the driver license or state ID.

The screenshot shows a web interface for updating voter information. On the left, a form for registration information is highlighted with a green circle '1'. It includes fields for first name, last name, and date of birth (Month, Day, Year). A 'continue' button is at the bottom. A second green circle '2' points to an 'update my address' button. On the right, a progress bar shows 'qualifications' and 'identification' steps. The 'identification' step is active, showing the 'Washington State Identification' form. This form includes instructions: 'Your name and birth date must match your Washington State driver license or ID card.' and 'To continue, enter your name and birth date to match your driver license or ID card.' Fields include first name, middle name, last name, gender, date of birth (month, day, year), and driver license/ID #. A 'what is this?' link is below. Below the identification form is a 'security check' section with the instruction: 'For added security, enter the words below, separated by a space.' The CAPTCHA image shows the words 'all' and 'entourage'. A text input field and a reCAPTCHA logo are at the bottom.

Contact Information

State Elections Division

Location

520 Union Ave SE
Olympia, WA 98501

Mailing Address

PO Box 40229
Olympia, WA 98504-0229

Phone

(360) 902-4180
(800) 448-4881

County Elections Departments

Adams County

210 W Broadway Ave, Ste 200
Ritzville, WA 99169-1897
Phone: (509) 659-3249
TDD/TTY: (509) 659-1122

Franklin County

PO Box 1451
Pasco, WA 99301
Phone: (509) 545-3538
TDD/TTY: (800) 833-6388

Lewis County

PO Box 29
Chehalis, WA 98532-0029
Phone: (360) 740-1278
TDD/TTY: (360) 740-1480

Snohomish County

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Asotin County

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Garfield County

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Phone: (509) 843-1411
TDD/TTY: (800) 833-6388

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Benton County

PO Box 470
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Phone: (509) 736-3085
TDD/TTY: (800) 833-6388

Grant County

PO Box 37
Ephrata, WA 98823
Phone: (509) 754-2011 ext 343
TDD/TTY: (800) 833-6388

Mason County

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Shelton, WA 98584
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TDD/TTY: (800) 833-6388

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215 S Oak St, Rm 106
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Toll-free: (866) 307-9060
TDD/TTY: (800) 833-6388

Chelan County

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Wenatchee, WA 98807-4760
Phone: (509) 667-6808
TDD/TTY: (800) 833-6388

Grays Harbor County

100 W Broadway, Ste 2
Montesano, WA 98563
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TDD/TTY: (800) 833-6388

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TDD/TTY: (800) 833-6388

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Newport, WA 99156
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Dayton, WA 99328-1361
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TDD/TTY: 711

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Bellingham, WA 98225
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Port Orchard, WA 98366
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TDD/TTY: (360) 337-7275

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PO Box 638
Friday Harbor, WA 98250
Phone: (360) 378-3357
TDD/TTY: (360) 378-4151

Whitman County

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Colfax, WA 99111
Phone: (509) 397-5284
TDD/TTY: (800) 833-6388

Douglas County

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Waterville, WA 98858
Phone: (509) 745-8527 ext 6407
TDD/TTY: (888) 578-7707

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205 W 5th Ave, Ste 105
Ellensburg, WA 98926
Phone: (509) 962-7503
TDD/TTY: (800) 833-6388

Skagit County

PO Box 1306
Mount Vernon, WA 98273
Phone: (360) 336-9305
TDD/TTY: (800) 833-6388

Yakima County

128 N 2nd St, Rm 117
Yakima, WA 98901
Phone: (509) 574-1340
TDD/TTY: (800) 833-6388

Ferry County

350 E Delaware Ave, #2
Republic, WA 99166
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Goldendale, WA 98620
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