Voter Registration & Voting during COVID-19

How to help people you work with register and vote to make their voices heard!

Primary Election: Tuesday, August 4
General Election: Tuesday, November 3

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Eligibility for voting in WA: 4 criteria

- Materials to share while engaging voters:
  - This poster →
  - Coalition’s Guide to voting for people who are homeless and unstably housed
  - ACLU Trifold with information about Voting Rights for people with felony convictions
- Coalition guide online: http://homelessinfo.org/what-we-do/voter-registration/voter-guide/

You can vote if:
- You are a U.S. Citizen
- You’ll be 18 on next Election Day (8/4/20)
- You currently live in Washington State
- You are not currently reporting to DOC for a WA state felony

-Already registered? Update your address!
-Felony record? We have information about how to exercise your voting rights.
How to register & deadlines for registration for the Tuesday, August 4 Primary Election

- **Online:** [https://olvr.votewa.gov/](https://olvr.votewa.gov/)
  - Valid State issued ID is needed for verification
  - Deadline: Monday, July 27 at 11:59 p.m.

- **Paper Registration Form:**
  - Deadline: Must be received by King County Elections by end of day Monday, July 27 (if you plan to mail forms, ensure there is time for the forms to go through the mail)

- **In Person at a Vote Center:** Century Link Field in Seattle (8/1, 8/3, 8/4) or King County Elections in Renton (Weekdays 7/15 – 8/4, Saturday 8/1)
  - Deadline: 8 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, August 4
Registering to vote online

• VoteWA is the system used to register to vote online – managed by the Washington Secretary of State.
• Website: [https://olvr.votewa.gov/](https://olvr.votewa.gov/)
• Check current registration status at [myvote.wa.gov](http://myvote.wa.gov) (longer URL: [https://voter.votewa.gov/WhereToVote.aspx](https://voter.votewa.gov/WhereToVote.aspx))
Washington State Online Voter Registration

Let's begin your online voter registration application.

You will need a current Washington State driver's license, permit or ID card. If you do not have any of these, you may still register by mail or in person.

Deadlines for the August 4 Primary Election

- July 27: Online and by mail registrations must be received.
- August 4: Register to vote in person by 8 p.m. at your County Elections Office.

Click the Start button to begin.
You must be a citizen of the United States. If you have questions about citizenship, contact U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. You will need a current Washington State driver’s license, permit or ID card.

**Qualifications**

I am a citizen of the United States of America.

- Yes
- No

I am at least eighteen years old, or at least sixteen years old and will vote only after I turn eighteen.

- Yes
- No

**Personal Information**

First Name

Middle Name (optional)

Last Name

Birthday

- Month MM
- Day DD
- Year YYYY

Gender (optional)
Are you currently serving in the military?
This includes National Guard and Reserves, and spouses or dependents away from home due to service.
What is the registration deadline for military? What address should I use if I am in the military? What is a military voter and what is overseas?

- Yes
- No

Do you live outside the United States?

- Yes
- No

Email Address (optional)

Phone Number (optional)

Preferred Language

ENGLISH

Start Over

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Next
Check “nonstandard-address” box and complete these two steps.

- Zoom in with the map to select a location that someone indicates they spend a majority of the time. This can be a shelter, day center, cross streets near where they stay. This decides the voting precinct.
- Fill out the Narrative box.
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 am at least sixteen years old, 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.

☐ I declare that the facts on this voter registration application are true.

☐ I authorize the Office of the Secretary of State to use the signature on my Washington State driver license or ID card for voter registration purposes.
Registering to vote with a paper form

- Print paper forms from Secretary of State website: https://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/print-voter-registration-forms.aspx
- Registration forms available in 23 languages
  - Ballots available in 5 languages – Chinese, English, Korean, Spanish, Vietnamese
- Return paper forms either via mail or in person at King County Elections office in Renton.
  - Must be received by elections office 8 days prior to election (by July 27, 2020).
  - Completed voter registration forms must be handed in to King County Elections or postmarked within 5 days of being signed by the voter. Do not delay in turning in these important forms!
Washington State Voter Registration Form
Registrar online at www.votewa.gov.

1. Personal Information
   - VOTER ID card will come in the mail in 4-6 weeks, call 206-296-9683 if it doesn't
   - VOTER ID card is a government-issued ID
   - Can help folks.

2. Qualifications
   - If you answer no do not complete this form.
   - I am a citizen of the United States of America.
   - I will be at least 18 years old by the next election.

MUST FILL OUT!

Full name
City
State
Zip
Data of Birth
First
Middle
Last
Gender
Suffix
Email Address
Phone Number
Mailing Address: Must be current and issues- Important
See Homeless Voters Guide to Residential Address
To verify signature/correct any issues. Important
Mailing address: If different risk it someone gets mail @ 13th address

Notice: Knowing providing false information about your qualifications for voter registration is a class C felony punishable by imprisonment up to 5 years, a fine of up to $10,000, or both.

Public Information
Your name, address, gender, and date of birth will be public information.

Voting
You will receive your ballot in the mail and contact your elections office for accessible voting options.

Public Benefits Offices
Contact your county elections office for accessible options.
### Public Benefits Offices
If you received this form from a public benefits office, where you received the form will remain confidential and will be used for voter registration purposes only.

Registering or declining to register will not affect the assistance provided to you by any public benefits office. If you decline to register, your decision will remain confidential.

If you believe someone interfered with your right to register, or your right to privacy in deciding whether to register, you may file a complaint with the Washington State Elections Division.

### Contact Information
If you would like help with this form, contact the Washington State Elections Division.

- **web**: [www.vote.wa.gov](http://www.vote.wa.gov)
- **call**: (800) 448-4381
- **email**: elections@cs.wa.gov
- **mail**: PO Box 40229, Olympia, WA 98504-0229

### Change of Name or Address
This information will be used to update your current registration, if applicable.

Any old info is helpful, doesn't have to be complete

### Declaration
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LEGAL SIGNATURE

Sign the same way you would sign any other important document. If it is different, elections staff may call/mail to verify. Today's Date
Voting in the August 4 Primary Election: How to return a ballot

Ballots were mailed out on July 15! If someone hasn’t received their ballot by Tuesday, July 21, call King County Elections: (206) 296-8683

- **Use a Ballot Drop Box:** Turn ballot in by 8 p.m. on election day to a drop box near you. Locations: [www.tinyurl.com/KCBallotDropBoxes](http://www.tinyurl.com/KCBallotDropBoxes)
- **Mail your ballot:** no stamp needed! Put your ballot in any mailbox. Make sure that it will be postmarked by 5 p.m. on Election Day.
- **Vote Center:** Go to a vote center for assistance voting in-person
- **Voter Pamphlet:** Non-partisan voter guides sent by County to each residence, some providers. If you need some, call Elections, or view online: [https://kingcounty.gov/depts/elections/how-to-vote/voters-pamphlet.aspx](https://kingcounty.gov/depts/elections/how-to-vote/voters-pamphlet.aspx)
- For questions related to voting, call King County Elections: (206) 296-8683 or visit [www.kingcounty.gov/vote](http://www.kingcounty.gov/vote)
Vote Centers for August 4 Primary Election


• Renton - King County Elections HQ
  • 919 SW Grady Way, Renton, WA 98057
  • Weekdays, July 15 - 24, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
  • Weekdays, July 27 - August 3, 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
  • Saturday, August 1, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
  • Election Day, August 4, 8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

• Seattle - CenturyLink Field
  • 800 Occidental Ave S, Seattle, WA 98134
  • Saturday, August 1, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
  • Monday, August 3, 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
  • Election Day, August 4, 8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Tips & other important notes

• VERBALLY go over the “Voter Declaration” with each person.
• Completed voter registration forms must be handed in to King County Elections or postmarked within 5 days of being signed by the voter. Do not delay in turning in these important forms!
• Materials for you
  • Coalition Voter Registration Guide
  • Posters
  • Tips sheet
  • Annotated form
• Email vote@homelessinfo.org to let us know if you’re going to register voters and we’ll send you more materials.
• Please keep track of how many people you help register and let us know!