

Voter Registration & Voting Rights



Voter Registration Trainings

- **For the following people:**
 - **Service providers at community sites** that need a refresher on voting rights and voter registration for people experiencing homelessness and/or people directly impacted by the criminal/legal system
 - **Community members interested in volunteering with the Coalition**
- **Dates:**
 - **Tuesday, June 29, 2021 5:30 – 7 p.m.**
 - **Thursday, July 1, 2021 12 – 1:30 p.m.**

August 3rd Primary Elections Timeline

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7/11	7/12	7/13 Vote pamphlets mailed	7/14 Ballots mailed; KCE center open	7/15 Ballot drop boxes open	7/16	7/17
7/18	7/19	7/20	7/21	7/22	7/23	7/24
7/25	7/26 Online/Mail-in Voter Registration Deadline*	7/27	7/28	7/29	7/30	7/31 Additional vote centers open
8/1	8/2	8/3 Election Day				

Eligibility Requirements

You do not need a house to vote! To register to vote in WA, you must:

- Be a U.S. Citizen
- Be 18 or older on Election day (Tuesday, August 3rd)
- Have lived in WA for 30 days before the election
- Not currently under DOC supervision for a Washington state felony conviction, although this will change in 2022 (more on this later!)
- **NOTE:** Providing false information is a felony conviction. If they cannot say yes to each of these questions, DO NOT proceed with the form.

Registering people to vote

- **Online:** <https://olvr.votewa.gov/>
- **By mail:** Voter registration forms
- **In person:**
 - **King County Elections Center (Renton)** – opening 7/14
 - **Vote Centers** – opening 7/31
- **Questions?** King County Elections 206-296-VOTE (8683)

Filling Out A Voter Registration Form

Required Information:

- Name & date of birth
- Residential Address
 - Where people are most of the time
 - Can be a cross street, park, etc
- Mailing Address
 - Where people will get ballot
- Eligibility Statement
- WA License/ID or last 4 of SSN
- Signature
 - Sign as you would sign any legal document

- Sample -

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• VOTER ID card is a government issued ID can help folks.

Washington State Voter Registration Form
Register online at www.myvote.wa.gov. **Required**

1 Personal Information

last first middle suffix (optional)
date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy) gender
Cross Street, Shelter - doesn't have to be full residential address in Washington apt #
Address. Must be identifiable on map to city ZIP determine
MUST BE TRUE MAILING ADDRESS precinct.
mailing address, if different → ask if someone gets mail @ listed residential
see homeless voters guide info state and ZIP
To verify signature/contact any issues - Important not public info
phone number (optional) email address (optional)

2 Qualifications

If you answer no, do not complete this form.

yes no I am a citizen of the United States of America. **MUST fill OUT!**

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

3 Military / Overseas Status

yes no I am currently serving in the military. Includes National Guard and Reserves, and spouses or dependents away from home due to service. **Likely won't apply**

yes no I live outside the United States.

4 Identification — Washington Driver License, Permit, or ID

_____ ← OR
If you do not have a Washington driver license, permit, or ID, you may use the last four digits of your Social Security number to register. x x x - x x -

5 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

former last name first middle
former residential address city state and 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.

LEGAL SIGNATURE
sign here date here Today's Date
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Notice
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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
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web www.vote.wa.gov
call (800) 448-4881
email elections@sos.wa.gov
mail PO Box 40229
Olympia, WA 98504-0229

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Not required, but very helpful

- Gender
- Email & Phone
 - In case there are any issues that need to be resolved to be counted
 - Highly recommended so that King County Elections can reach them ASAP with issues
- Military/Overseas Status (rarely applies)
- Change of Name/Address
 - Helps, for updating voter reg record
 - Doesn't have to be complete

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Note & Tips

- **Must be completed in blue or black pen**
 - No pencils
 - No fun colors
- You can complete the form for someone, but **they must sign it**
- **Residential address vs mailing address**
 - **Residential** = Where people most often are
 - Shelters, cross street, park
 - Determines voting precinct
 - **Mailing** = Where people get mail, including where they want their ballot sent

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

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

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Voting Rights Restoration

- In Washington, **many people with previous felony convictions can still vote**; voting rights are **restored** as soon as people are no longer under the authority of the Department of Corrections (DOC)
- **H.B. 1078 – Voting Rights Restoration**, beginning 2022
 - Once it goes into effect, people on community custody will have their voting rights restored.
 - We're collecting information on behalf of the **WA Voting Rights Restoration Coalition**; if you serve people that have been directly impacted by the criminal-legal system and would like to help spread the word about this, please let us know!

Discussion & Feedback

- **What are the biggest barriers at your organization to getting the people you serve registered to vote?**
- **What are your resource needs?** This could be:
 - Voter registration forms, voting pamphlets (in multiple languages)
 - Trainings for staff and volunteers on voting rights, how to fill out a form, etc.
 - Posters, brochures, or flyers to hand out
 - People power: Coalition-trained nonpartisan voter registration volunteers
- **For organizations that currently do voter registration, what are some lessons learned?**

Email Saleena@homelessinfo.org to provide feedback or schedule a conversation.