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.

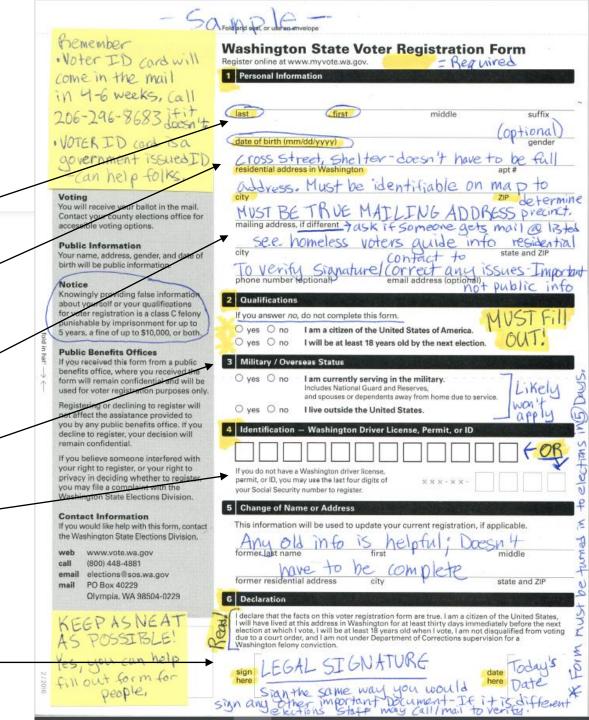
Registering people to vote

- 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:

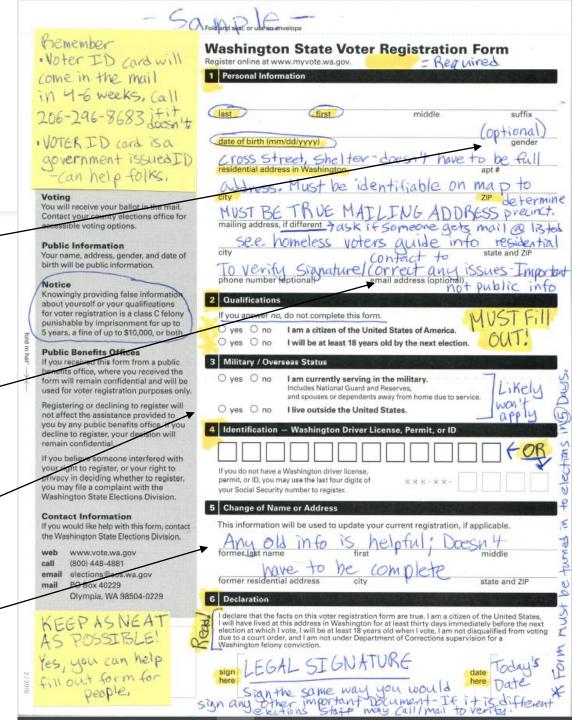
- Name & date of birth
- Residential Address
 - Where people are most of the time
 - Can be a cross street, park, etc
- Mailing Address
 - Where people will get ballot
- Eligibility Statement
- WA License/ID or last 4 of SSN
- Signature
 - Sign as you would sign any legal document



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Not required, but very helpful

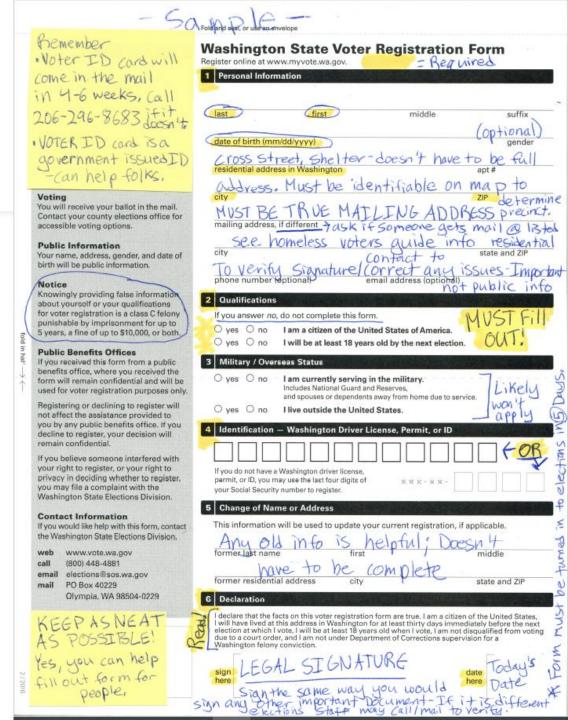
- Gender
- Email & Phone
 - In case there are any issues that need to be resolved to be counted
 - Highly recommended so that King County Elections can reach them ASAP with issues
- Military/Overseas Status (rarely applies)
- Change of Name/Address
 - Helps, for updating voter reg record
 - Doesn't have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



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 <u>Saleena@homelessinfo.org</u> to provide feedback or schedule a conversation.