



Do you have questions or need assistance registering to vote?

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Felony Conviction and Voting Rights

Accessible, fair, and accurate elections.



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Voter Eligibility Requirements


1 U.S. Citizen

You must be a citizen of the United States.

2 Legal resident of Washington State

You must establish a residential address at least 30 days before election day.

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.

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. After your right to vote is restored, you may re-register to vote.

Voting Rights Restoration

When the right to vote is restored

If you were convicted of a felony in a Washington State court, your right to vote is restored automatically once you are no longer serving a sentence of total confinement in prison.

If you were convicted of a felony in another state or in federal court, your right to vote is restored automatically as long as you are no longer serving a sentence of total confinement in prison.

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

Under Department of Corrections Authority

Only people in total confinement for a felony conviction are not eligible to vote.



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

Ways to Register to Vote



Once your right to vote is restored, you must register to vote if you want to receive a ballot. If you were previously registered to vote, you must re-register to vote.



Online

You can register to vote online using your Washington State Driver's License or ID Card at VoteWA.gov.



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.