

How to: VOTER REGISTRATION

Common Questions & Answers

2006 Primary Election: September 19

Deadlines to register:

By Mail: August 19 In Person: September 1

2006 General Election: November 7

Deadlines to register:

By Mail: October 7 In person: October 23

Who is eligible to register to vote?

In order to register to vote, you must be a) A citizen of the United States b) A legal resident of Washington State c) At least 18 years old by Election Day

Must I choose a political party when registering to vote?

No. In the State of Washington you do not have to register by political party or declare political party membership when registering to vote.

If I register to vote, does that mean I can be called for jury duty?

No. There is no correlation between voting and being called for jury duty. You become eligible for jury duty when you get a driver's license.

What do I do if I have moved?

If you were previously registered at a different address, you must indicate this on the registration form by checking in the box "Address change in Washington".

Can I register if I am homeless?

Yes! If you are homeless, write in "homeless" for your address and include your city or town. You will be assigned the address of the city hall in your town. You may also use a nontraditional address such as a shelter, park, or courthouse.

Can I register to vote if I am convicted of a felony?

The State Supreme Court is currently deciding if ex-felons who are unable to pay back fines will be able to regain their voting rights. Until a decision is reached, it is not recommended that ex-felons register to vote.

Why am I asked to provide my Driver's License # or last 4 digits of my SS #?

You must provide this information when registering to vote so that the state can verify you are who you say you are. If you do not have a driver's license, SS # or State ID, you must provide a copy of one of the acceptable forms of ID, listed on the voter registration form.

Where can I get a voter registration form in a different language?

Go to the Secretary of State website at www.secstate.wa.gov/elections and click on "register to vote". There you will find several options of languages in which you can download the registration form.

What is absentee voting?

Voting by mail is an alternative to polling place voting, in which a ballot is automatically mailed to every eligible voter prior to each election.

Where do I go to vote?

Once you have registered, you will receive a registration card in the mail within 4-6 weeks. This will list your polling location. You can also call the County or check their website.



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