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# Registering to Vote

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## How Do I Qualify to Vote? (RCW 29A.08)

- **Registration:** A person may register to vote by completing a **Mail-In Voter Registration Form** and mailing it to the preprinted return address on the form, or by completing the form in person at the Auditor's Office Elections Division.
- **To register to vote:** You must be:
  - A United States citizen
  - 18 years of age on or before the next election
  - A resident of the state of Washington
  - Not currently denied your civil rights through judicial action

## When Can I Register to Vote or Make a Change to My Registration?

- **Any Time:** Individuals may register to vote at any time.
- **30 Days Prior to an Election:** By mail, individuals must register at least 30 days prior to an election in order to vote at the next election.
- **15 Days Prior to an Election – Option:** A person who was never registered before or is from another state may have an additional 15 days to register prior to the election, if they appear in person to the Auditor's Office Elections Division and register to vote.

## New Residents to Kitsap County

- **Complete a New Registration Form:** Residents moving to Kitsap County from any other county or state, and want to vote in Kitsap County, must complete a new registration form.

## What If I Am Currently Registered and Move Within Kitsap County?

- **Notification of Address Change:** Registered voters who move within Kitsap County must notify the Elections Division and provide the new address.
- **Call or Write:** This may be done through the mail or by calling the Elections Division at (360) 337.7128; or toll free (206) 842.2061 from Bainbridge Island, or (253) 851.4147 from Olalla.

## How Do I Change My Name for Voter Registration?

- **Complete a New Registration Form:** Name changes for voter registration require written notice indicating the voter's former signature and new signature.
- **In Person or By Mail:** This can be done through the mail, or in person at the Auditor's Office Elections Division. In addition to the list of locations below, all Ballot Drop locations have these forms available on Election Day.

## Where Can I Register to Vote?

- **Kitsap County Auditor's Office - Elections Division** - 619 Division Street, Port Orchard
- **Download** the Mail-In Voter Registration Form from the Secretary of State's web site [www.secstate.wa.gov/elections](http://www.secstate.wa.gov/elections). Registration by mail closes 30 days before each election.
- **Locations within the County:** City Halls, all Regional Libraries, Public Schools, Fire Stations
- **Agencies:** Most State and Federal Agencies (Department of Licensing, Social Security, Congressional, etc.)