

Voter Registration Information

Who is Eligible to Vote?

To register to vote, one must be:

- A United States citizen
- 18 years of age on or before the next election
- A legal resident of the State of Washington
- Not currently denied civil rights as a result of a felony conviction

How Can I Register?

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.

Where Can I Obtain a Form?

- Kitsap County Elections Division – 619 Division Street, Port Orchard (now located in the new County Administration Building)
- The Mail-In Voter Registration Form can be downloaded from the Secretary of State's web site www.secstate.wa.gov
- City and Town Halls
- All Regional Libraries, Public Schools, and Fire Districts
- Most State and Federal Agencies (Department of Licensing, Social Security, Congressional, etc.)

When Can I Register in Kitsap County?

Individuals may register to vote at any time. Registration applications must be postmarked or received at least 30 days prior to an election in order to vote in that election.

First time voters or persons moving into the state have until 15 days prior to an election to register by appearing in person at the Auditor's Office Elections Division and completing a voter registration application.

Address Change

- Registered voters who move within Kitsap County are required by law to change the address of their voter registration
- This may be done by mail or by calling the Elections Division at (360) 337.7128, or (206) 842.2061 from Bainbridge Island, or (253) 851.4147 from Olalla
- New residents who wish to vote in Kitsap County, must complete a new registration application

Name Change

If you have legally changed your name for any reason, you must complete a new voter registration form in your new name and return it to the address provided on the form or to the Auditor's Office. The new registration form requires that you provide your prior name in the middle section of the form.

How You Can Help

Notify us of any change to your address or name.

When You Move

If your mailing or residence address has changed within Kitsap County, your voter record must be updated. You can easily update your record by one of two ways:

- Print, complete and mail the form available Online at: www.kitsapgov.com/aud/elections/votereg.htm
- Call our office for address changes within the county and provide your new information: (360) 337.7128, from Bainbridge Island (206) 842.2061, from Olalla (253) 851.4147

A new voter registration card will be mailed after your address change is processed.

To Cancel Your Voter Registration

In addition to notification from state agencies, you can assist us in the challenge of obtaining the required documentation to cancel registered voters who have moved out of Kitsap County or who have recently passed away.

- Provide a statement signed by the voter, or in the case of a deceased voter, a family member may provide written and signed authorization to request cancellation.

Overseas Voters

If you are a military or overseas voter, you may be eligible for an Early Ballot, and other options that will help ensure your ballot is received on time. For example:

- An Early Ballot is available for those who believe they would not receive a regular ballot in time to vote and return it
 - By written request, an Early Ballot is available as early as 90 days before an election
 - The Early Ballot will list only the offices, candidates, and measures known at the time of the request
- An email or a fax ballot may be an option if you are out of the area and would not receive a mailed ballot in time to vote and return it by Election Day

Specific needs may be addressed by contacting us at: (360) 337.7128 or by email at auditor@co.kitsap.wa.us