

Voter Registration Information

Who is Eligible to Vote?

To register to vote, you 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.)

Changes To My Voter Record

Individuals may register to vote at any time. The registration 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 may register 15 days prior to an election 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 must change the address of their voter registration
- This may be done through the 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 form

Name Change

A name change for voter registration requires completion of a new registration form. Information indicating the former name, address, and signature plus the new name and signature must be provided.

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, your voter record needs to be updated. You can easily update your record by one of two ways:

- Online at www.kitsapgov.com/aud/elections/votereg.htm print, complete and mail the form
- For address changes within the county, simply call our office 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.

- Your signature is required to cancel your voter registration
- If a family member has passed away, contact the Elections Division and a form will be mailed for you to complete

Name Change

If you have legally changed your name for any reason, complete a voter registration form in your new name and mail it. Be sure you state your prior name in the middle section of the form.

Military or 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 counted. For example:

- An Early Ballot is a ballot 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 offices, candidates, and measures known at the time of the application
- An email or a fax ballot may be an option if you are out of the area and will not get the mailed ballot in time to vote and return it by Election Day
- Contact us for complete details specific to your needs