

# 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 or declared mentally incompetent

## How Can I Register?

**Online:** A valid Washington State Driver's License or ID is needed. Go to [www.vote.wa.gov](http://www.vote.wa.gov) and click the Online Voter Registration icon.

**Paper form:** Complete a Mail-In Voter Registration Form and mail it to the preprinted return address on the form, or complete the form in person at the Auditor's Office - Elections Division.

### Forms are available at:

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

## To Cancel Your Voter Registration

In addition to notification from state agencies, you can assist us in 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.

## 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.

## When You Move or Change Your Address

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 the following methods:

- Print, complete and mail the form available online at [www.kitsapgov.com/aud/elections/votereg.htm](http://www.kitsapgov.com/aud/elections/votereg.htm).
- Go to [www.vote.wa.gov](http://www.vote.wa.gov) and click the MyVote icon. For security purposes, you will need your driver's license or state ID card number to change your address online.
- 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.

## Name Change

If you have legally changed your name for any reason, you must complete a new voter registration form in your new name with your new signature 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 and prior signature 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 to ensure your ballot is received on time.

An Early Ballot is available for those who believe they would not receive a regular ballot in time to vote.

- By written request, an Early Ballot is available 90 days prior to an election.
- The Early Ballot will list only the offices, candidates, and measures known at the time of the request.

A Fax or Email Ballot is 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 the Auditor's Office at (360) 337.7128 or by email at [auditor@co.kitsap.wa.us](mailto:auditor@co.kitsap.wa.us).

## Other Resources

Federal Voting Assistance Program  
[www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov)

Washington Secretary of State  
[www.secstate.wa.gov](http://www.secstate.wa.gov)