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# Registering to Vote

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## To Register to Vote (RCW 29A.08)

- A person 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 his/her civil rights through judicial action

## How to Register

- A person may register to vote online or download a voter registration form at [www.vote.wa.gov](http://www.vote.wa.gov); or 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.
- Individuals may register to vote at any time.
- Deadlines apply for eligibility to vote in the next upcoming election:
  - 30 Days Prior to an Election:** By mail or online, 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:** Individuals who were never registered before or are from another state may have an additional 15 days to register prior to the election, if they appear in person at the Auditor's Office Elections Division and register to vote.

## New Residents to Kitsap County

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

## Currently Registered and Moved Within Kitsap County

- Registered voters who move within Kitsap County must notify the Elections Division and provide the new address.
- This may be done by mail, online, 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.

## Change of 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 Deposit locations have these forms available on Election Day.

## Where to Register to Vote

- **Kitsap County Auditor's Office – Elections Division** – 619 Division Street, Port Orchard
- **Online** at [www.vote.wa.gov](http://www.vote.wa.gov). To register to vote online you must have a valid Washington State driver's license or ID card.
- **Download** the Mail-In Voter Registration Form from the Secretary of State's website [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 & Federal Agencies (Dept of Licensing, Social Security, Congressional, etc.)