



VOTING RIGHTS

You do not lose your District of Columbia residency status because you are residing in a correctional facility, even outside of the District.

In 2020, the District of Columbia passed legislation giving all incarcerated residents, regardless of their conviction, the right to register to vote and cast a ballot.

Please note, if you were convicted of a felony before 2020, and if you have not already, you will need to register to vote again.



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VOTER ELIGIBILITY

To register to vote in the District of Columbia, you must:

- ✓ Be a United States citizen to vote in federal elections. Non-citizens may vote in local elections;
- ✓ Be a resident of the District of Columbia;
- ✓ Maintain residency in the District of Columbia for at least 30 days prior to the election in which you intend to vote;
- ✓ Not claim voting residence or the right to vote in another US state, territory, or country;
- ✓ Be at least 16 years old. (You may pre-register to vote if you are at least 16 years old. You may vote in a primary election if you are at least 17 years old and you will be at least 18 years old by the next general election. You may vote in a general or special election if you are at least 18 years old.);
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VOTING GUIDE FOR INCARCERATED RESIDENTS

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REGISTERING AND VOTING AS AN INCARCERATED DC RESIDENT

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

As a District of Columbia resident, you have the right to vote, even if you are incarcerated.

Even if you are in a correctional facility outside of the District of Columbia, if you are registered, you do not lose your residency status and you have the right to vote.

Once you are properly registered, you will be mailed a ballot prior to any District of Columbia election for which you are eligible.

If your ballot was mailed to your place of incarceration and you were released prior to receiving it, you can still vote at any Vote Center during Early Voting or on Election Day.



HELPFUL TIPS

If you do not currently have a District of Columbia address (that is, no family currently resides in the city), but are still returning to the District of Columbia upon release, you may use either your last known address or the address to which you plan to return, on the Voter Registration Application.

Use the correctional facility address in the mailing address section on the registration application to notify the DC Board of Elections that is where you want your ballot delivered.

WHAT TO DO AFTER YOUR RELEASE

Once you are released from a correctional facility, **you should update your address with the DC Board of Elections by completing another Voter Registration Application and checking the “Address Change” box.**

REGISTERING WITH A POLITICAL PARTY AND VOTING IN PRIMARY ELECTIONS

If you wish to vote for a candidate in a primary election, you must register with one of the major parties that conduct a primary election in the District.

Currently, the three major parties are the Democratic, Republican, and DC Statehood Green.

You may also register as “No Party” (Independent), or check the “Other” box to register with a minor party. Only those registered with one of the major parties may vote in primary elections; however, all voters may vote in the General Election or any Special Election.

The DC Board of Elections welcomes the opportunity to assist returning and incarcerated citizens with registering and voting. If you have any questions, please use the contact information on the front of this Guide or email us at outreachspecialist@dcoe.org.



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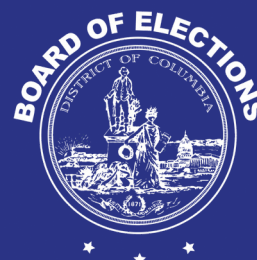
VOTER REGISTRATION CARD

The DC Board of Elections (DCBOE) issues a voter registration card to all voters, which includes the following information:

- ✓ Registration Number
- ✓ Name
- ✓ Address
- ✓ Date of Birth
- ✓ Political Party
- ✓ Voting Precinct
- ✓ Ward
- ✓ Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC)
- ✓ ANC Single Member District

When you receive your voter registration card, please review it to make sure that all of your information is correct and current. If there is an error, please notify the DCBOE as soon as possible.

While you are not required to show your identification when you vote, bringing your voter registration card with you may expedite the check-in process.



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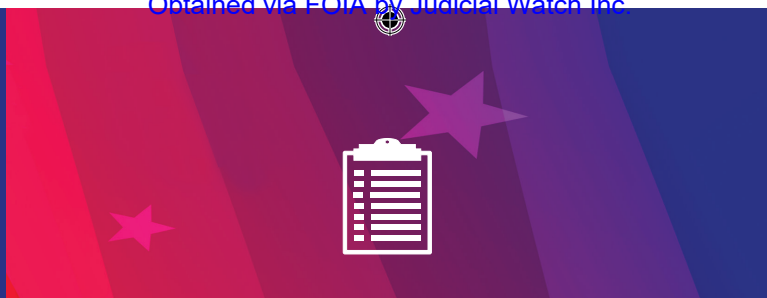
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VOTER REGISTRATION

There are three ways to register to vote in the District of Columbia

1. ONLINE

Scan here to connect to the DCBOE online voter registration portal.



You can also visit the DCBOE website www.dcboc.org to register to vote.



2. IN-PERSON

You can register in person at the DCBOE office, the Department of Motor Vehicles, or any DC Public Library.

Registering During Early Voting and on Election Day

When voting begins, you can register and cast your ballot at any Early Vote Center or at any Election Day Vote Center. For same-day registration, you must provide proof of your address using an acceptable form of identification.

3. MAIL, EMAIL, OR FAX

Print a **Voter Registration Application** at www.dcboc.org or pick up a form at DCBOE or at any DC Public Library.



Complete and sign the form and return it:

- By mail or in person at DC Board of Elections, 1015 Half Street, SE, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20003;
- By email (scanned as an attachment) to DCRegistrations@dcboc.org; or
- By fax at (202) 347-2648.

If you are registering to vote in the District of Columbia for the first time and you submit your application by mail, fax, or online, you must either include a copy of one of the following documents with your application or present a copy of the document the first time you vote:

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF ID

- ✓ A current and valid District government-issued photo identification,
- ✓ A current utility bill, bank statement, government check, or paycheck, which must be dated no earlier than 90 days before the date upon which you return your application or, if you do not submit proof by mail, fax, or online, 90 days before the date you vote.
- ✓ A lease, residential agreement, homeless shelter occupancy statement, or university housing or tuition bill, or
- ✓ A government-issued document that shows your current name and address.

Your online, mailed, faxed, or emailed application must be received no later than 21 days before an election.

VOTING IN A PRIMARY ELECTION

To vote in a primary election in the District of Columbia, you must be registered to vote with one of the parties that is eligible to conduct a primary election (Democratic, Republican, or D.C. Statehood Green). You must be registered with one of these parties 21 days before a primary election, unless you are registering for the first time. In that case, you may register with a party.