DC RESIDENT? REGISTER TO VOTE TODAY!

The DC primary election is June 4, 2024 and the general election is November 5, 2024. See Box 3 for more deadlines.

Determine if You Qualify to Vote in DC.
A conviction never takes away the right to vote in DC, even if you are still incarcerated. You can register to vote in DC, if you meet all of the following criteria:

- Be a United States citizen to vote for federal offices. DC residents who are not U.S. citizens can vote in DC local elections.
- Are 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.)
- You are a resident of the District of Columbia. This means that you lived in DC for the 30 days prior to your current incarceration.
- A judge has not ruled that you are incapable of voting.
- You do not claim residence or the right to vote in another U.S. state or territory.

Fill Out the DC Voter Registration Application.
A copy of the form is attached, as is a sample form with instructions. If you are DC resident, but not a US citizen use the form titled “Non-U.S. Citizen Resident of the District of Columbia.” The chart below tells you how to fill out each line of the Voter Registration Application. Write with a pen (if possible) as neatly as you can. If the Board of Elections cannot read your handwriting, it cannot register you.

Copies of DC’s Voter Registration Application and postage-paid return envelopes can also be requested from the Reentry Affairs Coordinators at your facility.

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1 | Select ’Yes’ to indicate that you are a U.S. citizen. If you are not a U.S. citizen, use the form titled “Non-U.S. Citizen Resident of the District of Columbia.” Line 1 is already checked “No.”
2 | Indicate your reason for completing the form. If this is your first time registering to vote in DC, check “New Registration.” If you registered before, but need to update your address, party affiliation, or citizenship status check the relevant box. If you are filling out the form because you changed your legal name, check the “Name Change” box. Don’t fill out the gray shaded area.
3 | Include your full legal name in the provided boxes, even if this is different from the name you are incarcerated under. Include the name you are incarcerated under in parentheses. For example, “Jonathan Moore (aka John Moor)”.
4 | Include your DC residential address (this is the address where you lived prior to incarceration, a new DC address if your family has moved, address of a DC shelter where you stayed if you were unhoused prior to incarceration or a DC address where you will be returning). This is required and must be a DC address.
5 | Include your jail or prison ID number in this field. If you want your mail to come directly to you while incarcerated, use the mailing address of your correctional facility. If you transfer to a different facility or are released, you have to submit another Registration Application Form to update this field and check “address change” in box #2. For example: “(12345-007) USP Marion P.O. BOX 1000 Marion, IL 62959”.
6 | Include date of birth, including year (example: 08/20/1954).
7 | Optional – Daytime phone number
8 | BOE needs your DMV ID number OR the last four digits of your social security number to verify your name and DC registration address. If you have neither, check box 8A. If BOE cannot verify your name and address, your ballot will include instructions on providing identification.
9 | While not required, you may choose to register with one of DC’s major political parties. You will only be allowed to vote in a primary election for candidates in the party that you are registered with. If you do not select a major party, you will be registered as an “Independent” and will not be able to vote on a candidate in any primary election.
10 | Optional – If you need help voting (e.g. help completing the application, accommodations), indicate the type of help you need.
11 | Optional – Include your primary language, if not English.
12 | Optional – Include your previous voter registration name and address if you are using this form to update your voter registration name or address.
13 | Every bullet should be true. If so, sign and date. The application must be signed and dated.
Mail the Form to the DC Board of Elections.

To vote in the 2024 elections, the Voter Registration Application form needs to arrive at the Board of Elections office by May 14, 2024 for the primary election and by October 15, 2024 for the general election.

Mail your Voter Registration Application to:

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOARD OF ELECTIONS
1015 HALF ST. SE, STE 750
WASHINGTON DC 20077-0833

Vote!

Your Vote-by-Mail Ballot should arrive at the facility where you currently reside, clearly addressed to you.

Before you send in your ballot:

1. Make sure to read all instructions, and
2. Sign and date the Voter’s Oath on the outside of the envelope where indicated.

Your ballot must be mailed to the DC Board of Elections and postmarked on or before June 4, 2024 for the primary election and on or before November 5, 2024 for the general election. It must be received by the DC Board of Elections no later than June 14, 2024 (primary election) and November 15, 2024 (general election) for your vote to be counted.

NEED AN ACCOMMODATION?

If you have a disability that makes it hard for you to read, write, sign, or use paper and need to request an accessible absentee ballot or other accommodation, contact the Board of Election’s ADA Coordinator:

Jay Penuel
Email: jpenuel@dcboe.org
Phone: (202) 727-5411
Address: 1015 Half Street, SE, Suite 750. Washington, DC 20003.

Questions?

These organizations and agencies are available to answer any questions you may have.

The DC Board of Elections:
The DC Board of Elections (BOE) is the DC agency in charge of DC’s elections.

You can confirm that your Voter Registration Application form was received using the methods listed below. You can ask a loved one or friend to do this for you. You will need to provide your full name, date of birth, the zip code of your DC residence, and one of the following: last 4 digits of Social Security #, last 4 digits of your DMV issued ID #, or your Voter ID #.

- email: outreachspecialist@dcboe.org
- website: https://apps.dcboe.org/vrs
- call: (202) 727-2525
- write: DC BOE, 1015 Half Street, SE, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20003.

If you have problems or questions with your registration or ballot, you can contact the DC BOE using the above information.

The League of Women Voters:
Anyone can contact them with questions about voter registration, non-partisan information about candidates or about completing your ballot. Email through CorrLinks at voterservices@lwvdc.org.

More Than Our Crimes:
Want to let candidates know what issues are important to you? Want to receive information about candidate positions? More Than Our Crimes (which is led by a DC resident currently incarcerated in the BOP) can help you do both. To sign up to receive More Than Our Crimes Trulincs newsletter, which will share information on candidate positions, add pam@morethanourcrimes.org to your CorrLinks address list.

Disability Rights DC at ULS (DRDC):
DRDC is the federally designated protection and advocacy program for people with disabilities in the District of Columbia. If you have questions or complaints about voting access, please contact DRDC at 202-547-0198 (voice) or 202-547-2657 (TTY), or add DRDC to your CorrLinks address list and email us through CorrLinks at drdc@uls-dc.org.