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REGISTERING TO VOTE

1. STATUS: Am I registered to vote?

You can determine whether you are registered to vote by checking the District of Columbia Board of Elections website (<https://www.dcboe.org/Voters/Register-To-Vote/Check-Voter-Registration-Status>).

2. HOW: How do I register to vote? What if I don't have access to a computer and/or printer?

You can register to vote in D.C. online or download, complete and sign the voter registration application. The online application and the downloadable form can be found at <https://www.dcboe.org/Voters/Register-To-Vote/Register-to-Vote>.

You can also register to vote in person (for any reason, including if you don't have access to a computer and/or printer) at designated locations including the D.C. Board of Elections, public libraries, Metropolitan Police Department precincts, or fire stations. You can also register in-person during early voting or on Election Day and vote at the same time, see [Question 5](#).

1. Onlineⁱ

Submit a completed voter registration form, located at https://forms.dc.gov/f/DC_Voter_Registration_Form, at least 21 days before Election Day.

If you have a current and valid DC Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)-issued identification (ID) number AND you consent to the use of your digital signature on file at the DMV as your signature for this application you do not have to print/sign the registration application.

If you do not have a DMV-issued ID or you do not consent to the use of your signature on file at the DMV as your signature for your application, you can still complete the voter registration application online, but you must then print and sign the application, and return it to the D.C. Board of Elections:

- By mail or in person at
D.C. Board of Elections
1015 Half Street, SE
Suite 750
Washington, DC 20003
- By email (scanned as an attachment) at DCRegistrations@dcboe.org
- By fax at 202.347.2648

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2. Mail, Fax, or Emailⁱⁱ

Submit a completed voter registration form at least 21 days before Election Day to the D.C. Board of Elections:

- By mail at:

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Suite 750
Washington, DC 20003
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3. In-Personⁱⁱⁱ

Submit a completed application in person no later than the date before the start of the early voting period at the:

- DC Board of Elections
- Office of Aging
- Department of Human Services
- Department of Health
- Department of Corrections
- Department of Youth Services
- Department of Developmental and Rehabilitative Services
- Department of Health Care Finance
- Department of Parks and Recreation
- Department of Disability Services
- District of Columbia Public Library
- District of Columbia Public Schools
- Health Benefit Exchange Agency

NOTE: You can also register in-person during early voting or on Election Day and vote at the same time. see [Question 5](#).

3. IDENTIFICATION: What ID is required to register to vote?

If you are registering to vote for the first time in D.C. and you submit your application by mail 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:

- A copy of a current and valid government-issued photo identification that shows your name and address

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- A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, or paycheck that shows your name and address (issued no earlier than 90 days before the date you mail your application or, if you do not submit proof by mail or online, 90 days before the date you vote)
- Any government-issued document that shows your name and address.^{iv}

Individuals who fail to present this identification may vote by special ballot and have two days following the election to present proper identification to the board.^v You can look up the status of your special ballot online the day after the election to find out if it was counted, and if not, the reason why it was not counted.^{vi}

Additionally, a voter registering at the polls during the early voting period, or at the polls on Election Day, must provide proof of residence that shows the voter's name and address.^{vii} Each individual who successfully registers on Election Day shall cast a regular ballot.^{viii} See Question 5 for more information on same day registration and acceptable forms of proof of residence.

4. DEADLINES: When is/was the voter registration deadline? Are there different deadlines whether I register by mail, in-person, online or on Election Day?

Refer to Question 2 for information on how to register.

If voters wish to register online, by mail, by email or by fax, voters must submit a voter registration application no later than 21 calendar days before an election in which they intend to vote (i.e. October 13, 2020). If voters wish to register in person, they must submit a completed application in person no later than the day before the start of the early voting period (i.e. October 26, 2020).^{ix}

Washington, D.C. also has same day registration, which is discussed in detail in Question 5.

5. SAME DAY: Does my state have Same Day Registration (i.e. I can register to vote the same day I vote)? If so, what is the process?

Yes. If a voter is not registered to vote, they may register on Election Day at the polling place that serves their residence address, or at an Early Voting Center (EVC) during the early voting period, provided they show acceptable proof of residence. Acceptable forms of proof of residence include:^x

- A copy of a current and valid government-issued photo identification
- A utility bill for water, gas, electricity, cable, internet, telephone, or cellular phone service issued no earlier than 90 days before the election
- A savings, checking, credit, or money market account statement from a bank or credit union issued no earlier than 90 days before the election
- A paycheck, stub, or earning statement that includes the employer's name, address, and telephone number and was issued no earlier than 90 days before the election
- A government-issued document or check from a federal or District agency, other than the Board of Elections, issued no earlier than 90 days before the election
- A current residential lease or rental agreement
- An occupancy statement from a District homeless shelter issued no earlier than 90 days before the election
- A tuition or housing bill from a District of Columbia college or university issued for the current academic or housing term

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Each individual who successfully registers on Election Day (or at an EVC during the early voting period) shall cast a regular ballot. If a voter is unable to provide proof of address, the voter may vote by special ballot and has two days following the election to show proof of residence to the Board of Elections.^{xi} You can look up the status of your special ballot online the day after the election to find out if it was counted, and if not, the reason why it was not counted.^{xii}

The Board of Elections maintains a list including the names and addresses of individuals who attempted to register and vote, but could not provide proof of residence. This list is available for public inspection upon request to the Board of Elections.^{xiii}

6. PERMANENT MOVE: I have moved permanently and I didn't update my voter registration, can I vote?

Yes. Voters who have moved within D.C. may vote at the polling place serving their current address if they file a change of address notice on Election Day at that same polling place.^{xiv} The voter must provide proof of residence.^{xv} (See [Question 5](#)). Voters must have been a resident of D.C. for 30 days prior to the election. If someone moved to D.C. from another jurisdiction within 30 days of the election they are not eligible to vote in D.C.

7. TEMPORARY MOVE: I have moved temporarily due to Covid-19 or some other reason. Where can I vote?

The Board of Elections has not issued guidance on temporary moves. Pursuant to the Vote Safe DC initiative, all registered voters will be sent ballots to the address at which they are registered. If you would like to have your ballot sent to a location *other than the registered address*, you may complete the form located at <https://www.dcboe.org/Voters/Absentee-Voting/Request-an-Absentee-Ballot> to request a ballot. (See Question 19)

8. STUDENT: I am a college student. Can I register to vote where I go to school? What if I am taking classes remotely? Where can I vote?

College students who meet the generally applicable registration requirements may register to vote in DC. The student must have *maintained a residence* in the District for at least thirty (30) days preceding the election and may not claim voting residence or the right to vote in any other state or territory. A college or university housing statement, or any utility bill or government issued document, may serve as proof of DC residence.^{xvi} See Question 3 for a full list of acceptable proofs of address.

The term “*residence*” for purposes of voting, means the principal or primary home of a person. The residence qualifies if, whenever a person is absent from such place, he or she has the present intention of returning after a departure or absence therefrom, regardless of the duration of the absence.^{xvii}

If you live in DC, but are attending college in another state, you may still vote as a DC resident by requesting an absentee ballot. Please note that all absentee ballot requests must be received no later than the 7th day before an election. See question 19 regarding absentee ballots for the November 3, 2020 general election.^{xviii}

9. LIVING ABROAD: I am living abroad and/or am serving in the military. How can I register and/or vote?

Military and overseas voters are encouraged to contact the Board by phone at 202-727-2525 or by email at uocava@dcboe.org.

Registering and Requesting an Absentee Ballot

U.S. citizens voting under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) can use the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to register to vote and to request an absentee ballot at the same time. The FPCA form can be downloaded here: <https://www.fvap.gov/district-of-columbia>.

You can submit the FPCA in person (at the DC Board of Elections), by mail, email or fax. To submit by mail, download and complete the FPCA and mail it to the D.C. Board of Elections. You must print and sign the FPCA (or FWAB, as described below). Electronic signatures are not accepted.^{xxix}

To submit by email, scan the signed FPCA request into your computer. Be sure to include the Transmission Cover Sheet, which can be found here:

<https://www.fvap.gov/uploads/FVAP/Forms/TransmissionCoversheet.pdf>.

You can also submit by fax to 202-346-2648. If you choose to fax your FPCA to the Board, you also must include the Transmission Cover Sheet.

To register, the FPCA must be received by the Board by no later than the 21st day before an election.^{xx} The DC Board of Elections recommends sending in a new FPCA every January and each time you move, or at least 90 days before the election you want to vote in.^{xxi} The FPCA deadline to register for the November 3, 2020 general election is October 13, 2020.^{xxii}

You can also register to vote as described in Question 2.

While the Board of Elections recommends that military and overseas voters use the FPCA to request an absentee ballot, any form of written and signed communication requesting a military/overseas ballot is acceptable. If the FPCA is not used, any written request for an absentee ballot must include the following, and can be submitted in the same manner as the FPCA materials.^{xxiii}

- Your name
- The election(s) for which you are requesting a ballot
- The address at which you are registered
- Your current residence address, if different from above
- Your telephone number and email address
- Your date of birth
- Your DC Department of Motor Vehicles-issued identification number, the last four digits of your Social Security Number, or the voter registration number issued to you by the Board
- Your preferred method of ballot delivery (mail, email, or fax)
- Mailing address, email address, or fax number to which ballot should be delivered
- Your original signature (an Absentee Ballot request sent electronically will be considered to contain an original signature)

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Receiving and Casting an Absentee Ballot

For more information about receiving and casting an absentee ballot here:
<https://www.fvap.gov/guide/chapter2/district-of-columbia>

Email and fax ballots must be received by November 3, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. All mail ballots must be postmarked by November 3, 2020 and received by 8pm on November 13, 2020.^{xxiv}

Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot

The Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB) is a back-up ballot that can be used by all UOCAVA voters to write in their votes when they have not received their absentee ballot in time.

If a UOCAVA voter is not registered, the local election office will treat the information submitted in the FWAB transmission envelope as the voter's registration application. The FWAB form is available at <https://www.fvap.gov/uploads/FVAP/Forms/fwab.pdf>.

10. CRIMINAL CONVICTION: I have a criminal conviction. Can I vote?

Yes. See Question 11 for more information.

11. INCARCERATED: I am currently in jail. Can I vote?

Any person incarcerated for a misdemeanor or a felony can vote.^{xxv} The "Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Second Emergency Amendment Act of 2020" removes the previous restrictions that prohibited those currently incarcerated for felonies from voting.^{xxvi}

Effective immediately, every qualified voter in the Department of Corrections' care will be provided with a voter registration form and an absentee ballot (without requirement for an application). Beginning on January 1, 2021, this requirement will extend to qualified D.C. voters in the custody of the Bureau of Prisons (rather than the city department of corrections).^{xxvii}

12. NOT ON ROLLS AT POLLING PLACE: I am at my polling place and am not on the voter registration roll. Can I vote where I am?

A voter must vote at his or her assigned precinct. A voter may be permitted vote using a special ballot if their name is not on the voter registration list but they believe they are a registered voter and eligible to vote in the election. You can look up the status of your special ballot online the day after the election to find out if it was counted, and if not, the reason why it was not counted.^{xxviii} See Question 13 for more information on what to do if the voter name does not appear on the voter rolls.

13. THOUGHT WAS REGISTERED: My name isn't on the voter registration roll but I thought I was registered. Could it have been removed? What do I do?

If you believe that your name has been erroneously omitted from the list of registered voters, you may cast a special ballot. The official in charge of the polling place will provide you with written notification of appeal rights should the Board determine that you are not qualified to vote in the election.^{xxix} You can look up the status of your special ballot online the day after the election to find out if it was counted, and if not, the reason why it was not counted.^{xxx}

If your name does not appear on the list of registered voters for the polling place, you can vote if you re-register. See Question 5 regarding same day registration.^{xxxi}

A voter's name can be removed from the list of registered voters for several reasons, such as: the voter did not confirm his or her address with the Board of Elections and did not vote in the previous two elections;^{xxxii} the voter sent a signed request to cancel the registration; death of a registrant; or upon notification that the registrant has registered to vote in another jurisdiction.^{xxxiii}

Election Protection hotline volunteers can take steps to help to determine why a voter's name is not appearing on the list of registered voters:

- Check the voter's registration status using the registration lookup tool to make sure he/she is registered to vote and at the right place. (See [Question #1.](#))
- Has the voter moved recently? Could he/she be registered at an old address? Check the old address in the registration lookup tool. (See [Question #1.](#))
- Has the voter changed his/her name recently, or could he/she be registered under a different name? Check that name (and any variations of the voter's name, especially for hyphenated names, which sometimes trip up databases) in the registration lookup tool. (See [Question #1.](#))
- When/where did the voter register to vote? Was it before the registration deadline? (See [Question #4.](#))

HOW TO VOTE: EARLY VOTING

14. AVAILABILITY: Is there early voting in my state (whether called early voting or in person absentee voting)? When is it?

Yes. Voters also may vote early in person not more than 12 days before Election Day.^{xxxiv} For the November 3, 2020 General Election, the early voting period is between Tuesday, October 27, 2020 and Monday, November 2, 2020, from 8:30 am – 7:00 pm.^{xxxv}

For more information on absentee voting, see “How to Vote: Absentee and/or Vote by Mail.”

15. ELIGIBILITY: Do I have to have a reason to vote early?

No. Any registered voter may vote early, for any reason.^{xxxvi}

16. WHEN: When do the polls open/close during early voting?

Early voting centers are open every day during this period between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

17. WHERE: Where do I vote during early voting?

Voters can find a list of early voting locations by visiting the Board of Elections website (<https://earlyvoting.dcboe.org/>).

18. IDENTIFICATION: What identification is required for early voting? Can I vote without providing identification?

See Questions 3 and 5 for information regarding identification requirements, which apply the same to early voting. If a voter is marked as “ID Required” but does not have proper ID, the voter may be required to complete a Special Ballot. You can look up the status of your special ballot online the day after the election to find out if it was counted, and if not, the reason why it was not counted.^{xxxvii}

HOW TO VOTE: ABSENTEE AND/OR VOTE BY MAIL

19. AUTOMATIC: Do I have to request an absentee ballot or will my state mail me one automatically? How do I request one?

November 3, 2020 General Election: In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the DC Board of Elections has developed the Vote Safe DC campaign. Pursuant to that initiative, the DC Board of Election is mailing every registered voter a ballot for the November 3rd General Election. Ballots will be sent to the address at which the voter is registered. Voters will not need to request absentee ballots as they would during the normal process.^{xxxviii}

If a voter wishes for their ballot to be sent to a location *other than the registered address*, they may complete the form located at <https://www.dcboe.org/Voters/Absentee-Voting/Request-an-Absentee-Ballot> to request a ballot.

20. APPLICATION DEADLINE: What is the deadline for requesting an absentee ballot?

Typically, voters must request absentee ballots no later than 7 days before the election.^{xxxix} However, for the November 3, 2020 general election, all active registered voters will be sent a Mail-in-Ballot at their registered address beginning the first week in October. No application is required. See Question 1.

21. APPLICATION RETURN: Where and/or how can I return my absentee ballot application? Can someone return it for me?

You can return the absentee ballot application to the Board of Elections by mail, by fax to 202.347.2648, or by email in a scanned attachment to DCabsentee@dcooe.org.^{xi}

22. DIDN'T REQUEST IN TIME: What if I have not requested an absentee ballot by the deadline?

All applications for absentee ballots must be requested by the deadline described in Question 20.

If you are unable to vote in-person at an Early Voting Center or on Election Day due to a health crisis, you may be able to request an Emergency Absentee/Mail-in ballot. An Emergency Absentee/Mail-In ballot is made available on the **sixth day leading up to an election.**^{xli}

23. ELIGIBILITY: Do I have to have a specific reason for requesting to vote by absentee ballot?

No. Any registered voter may vote by absentee, for any reason.^{xlii}

24. STATUS OF APPLICATION AND/OR BALLOT: How can I check the status of my application and/or absentee ballot?

Starting in October, voters can track their absentee ballot by visiting <https://www.dcooe.org/Voters/Absentee-Voting/Track-Absentee-Ballot>.

25. APPLICATION AND/OR BALLOT REJECTED: I learned my absentee ballot application and/or ballot was rejected. What can I do to fix any errors or get another one?

Contact the D.C. Board of Elections at 202.727.2525.^{xliii}

26. COMPLETING BALLOT: How do I complete the absentee ballot? Are there any identification requirements?

Complete instructions on how to vote and return the ballot will be included within the ballot. See Question 3 regarding identification requirements.^{xliv}

27. LOST OR SPOILED: What if I lost my absentee ballot or it is spoiled or I received an incorrect one?

Contact the D.C. Board of Elections at 202.727.2525 and a staff member can mail another one to you.^{xlv}

28. NON-RECEIPT OF BALLOT: What if I requested an absentee ballot but have not received it? Can I do anything?

Starting in October, voters can track their absentee ballot by visiting <https://www.dcooe.org/Voters/Absentee-Voting/Track-Absentee-Ballot>. Please contact the D.C. Board of Elections at 202.727.2525 with any questions.

29. IN PERSON OPTION: What if I requested an absentee ballot but I want to vote in person on Election Day?

You may vote in person on Election Day by going to your assigned polling place. You can bring the absentee ballot with you and vote there. You may be issued a special ballot.^{xlvi} If you have not already voted, your Special Ballot will be counted.^{xlvii}

30. BALLOT DEADLINES: What is the deadline for the ballot to be postmarked and/or received by, including dropping it off in person?

Your voted and mailed ballot must be postmarked or otherwise demonstrated to have been sent on or before Election Day. Mailed ballots must arrive no later than the 10th day after Election Day. For the November 3, 2020 general election, this is November 13, 2020. Ballots must be placed in a Mail Ballot Drop Box or dropped off in person at a voting center by 8:00pm on Election Day. ^{xlviii}

31. BALLOT DROP OFF LOCATIONS: What are the locations for dropping off a completed ballot (instead of mailing it)?

Ballots can be dropped off at a Mail Ballot Drop Box (<https://www.dcboe.org/Voters/Where-to-Vote/Mail-Ballot-Drop-Sites>) or delivered in-person at any Early Voting Center or Voting Center. See Question 17 for a list of Early Voting Centers.

32. ASSISTANCE DROPPING OFF: Can someone drop off my completed ballot for me?

There is no requirement that you drop off the ballot yourself. See Question 31 for information on ballot drop off locations.

33. IN PERSON ABSENTEE: Where do I vote in-person absentee?

You may drop off your ballot in a Mail Ballot Drop Box or in-person at an Early Voting Center or Voting Center. Please see Question 30 for information regarding deadlines and Question 31 for information regarding locations.

HOW TO VOTE: ELECTION DAY

34. HOURS: When do the polls open and close on Election Day? What if the polls are closing but I'm in line?

Election Day Vote Centers for the November 3 General Election will be open Tuesday, November 3, 2020 (Election Day), from 7:00 am – 8:00 pm.^{xliv}

***Note to hotline volunteer:** If you learn that a polling place prohibits those who were in line by the time the polls closed from voting, advise voters to stay at the polling location and contact your hotline captain immediately.

35. POLLING LOCATION: Where do I vote on Election Day?

You can determine your proper polling place by checking the District of Columbia Board of Elections website (<https://www.dcboe.org/Voters/Where-to-Vote/Find-Out-Where-to-Vote>). If you have moved recently and have not updated your voter registration, refer to [Questions #6 and 7](#).

***Note to hotline volunteer:** Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, many polling places have been moved or consolidated. Voters should be advised to check the polling place listed on the Voter Notification Card they received from the local election authority a few days before the election.

36. IDENTIFICATION: What identification is required to vote on Election Day? Can I vote without providing identification?

Washington, D.C. does not require identification to vote. However, some polling places require ID to enter the facility. It is therefore encouraged that voters bring some form of identification with them to vote.

If you are registering to vote for the first time in D.C. and you submit your application by mail or online, you must either include a copy of an identification document with your application or present a copy the first time you vote. Refer to Question 3 for acceptable forms of identification.

Additionally, a voter registering during the early voting period, or at the polls on Election Day, must provide proof of residence that shows the voter's name and address. Individuals who fail to present this identification may vote by a special ballot. Refer to Questions 3 and 5 for acceptable forms of proof of residence and information regarding the special ballot.

POLLING PLACE ISSUES

37. POLLING PLACE NOT OPEN: The polling place is not open. What do I do?

***Note to hotline volunteer:** If you learn of a polling place not opening on time or is closed, notify your hotline captain immediately.

38. LONG LINES: There are long lines at the polling place. What do I do? What if the polls are closing while I'm in line?

***Note to hotline volunteer:** If you learn that a polling place prohibits those who were in line by the time the polls closed from voting, advise voters to stay at the polling location and contact your hotline captain immediately.

***Note to hotline volunteer:** If you learn of long lines, notify your hotline captain immediately.

39. EQUIPMENT FAILURE: What should I do if there are equipment problems at my precinct?

Voters should immediately notify election officers if the voting equipment breaks down while the polls are open. The Board of Elections may extend the polling hours for that precinct if there is a mechanical failure of a voting machine.¹

***Note to hotline volunteer:** If you learn of equipment not working properly at a polling place, notify your hotline captain immediately.

40. NO PPE/COVID: What if my polling place is not enforcing COVID-19 precautions or has run out of supplies?

Please check <https://www.dcboe.org/> for information regarding the Vote Safe DC program.

41. EQUIPMENT ASSISTANCE: I don't know how to use the voting equipment. Can I get help?

Yes. You may ask poll workers for instructions on how to use the equipment. Any voter who requires assistance in voting may be given assistance by a person of the voter's choice (other than a poll watcher, or election observer, the voter's employer or agent of that employer, or officer or agent of the voter's union).^{li}

42. PHYSICAL DISABILITY: I have a physical disability and need assistance. Will my polling place be accessible?

Yes. All polling places in D.C. should be accessible to people with disabilities.^{lii} A senior or a voter with a disability whose precinct is inaccessible may be assigned by the Board to an accessible polling place.^{liii} Voters who are unable for reason of disability, seniority or illness, to enter a polling place on Election Day may also arrange to vote from their car.^{liv}

43. READING/LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE: I am blind, have a physical disability, or cannot read English and require assistance in order to vote. Can I get assistance at the polls?

Yes. Voters with vision, mobility and other impairments will be able to vote privately and independently at the polls on Election Day. Each polling place has at least two accessible voting machines. For all voters, including those who are blind or disabled, every polling place has a touch-screen machine equipped with an audio ballot. A precinct worker will be available at the polling place to provide help with operating the voting machine, if assistance is needed and requested by the voter.^{lv}

A voter who is unable to mark the ballot or use the touch-screen may request assistance. The voter has the right to choose who will provide assistance (though the person providing the assistance cannot be a poll watcher, election observer, the voter's employer or agent of that employer, or officer or agent of the voter's union).^{lvi}

See <https://www.dcboe.org/FAQS/Voter-Access-FAQs> for more information on Voter Access.

44. CURBSIDE VOTING: When can I request curbside voting?

Voters who are unable for reason of disability, seniority or illness, to enter a polling place on Election Day may also arrange to vote from their car.^{lvii} Contact the D.C. Board of Elections at 202.727.2525 for more information.

45. CAMPAIGNING: What rules apply to people campaigning or “hanging around” my polling place? Can people approach me?

No political activity, which includes any activity designed to persuade a person to vote for or against any candidate or any issue or question that is on the ballot, or to persuade a person to refrain from voting, is permitted within fifty (50) feet from any door used to enter the voting place.^{lviii} If anyone approaches the voter to pressure the voter in any way, the voter should ask to speak with the precinct captain (the person overseeing the operations of the polling place) and report the issue immediately. Media representatives are also prohibited from approaching any voters and interviewing them in the voting place.^{lix}

46. CHALLENGES: Someone is formally challenging my vote. What do I do?

Voters may only be challenged in writing by a registered voter. If a voter is formally challenged in writing, the precinct captain (the person overseeing the operations of the polling place) or another official in charge of the polling place will give the challenged voter an opportunity to respond.

If the precinct captain reviews the evidence presented and decides the challenged voter is qualified, and the challenger does not appeal, the voter can vote a regular ballot. If the challenger appeals the precinct captain’s decision to the Board of Elections, a hearing with the Board’s hearing officer will be held by telephone; if the hearing officer decides the voter is eligible, the voter can vote a regular ballot.

If the precinct captain affirms the challenge, or the challenger appeals the precinct captain’s decision and the Board’s hearing officer decides the voter is not qualified, the voter will only be allowed to vote a “challenged” ballot. The Board will review the eligibility of the voter casting a challenged ballot and decide whether to count the vote or not. The Board will inform the voter of its decision and, if it decides to reject the challenged vote, the voter will have an opportunity to argue that the vote should be counted. The voter also has the right to appeal the Board’s decision to the court within one business day after the date of the Board’s decision.^{lx}

47. POLICE/MILITARY PRESENCE: There are police/members of the military at the polling place. Is this okay? What do I do?

Contact the D.C. Board of Elections at 202.727.2525.

***Note to hotline volunteer:** If you learn of police/members of the military at the polling place, notify your hotline captain immediately.

48. PROVISIONAL BALLOT: I have been offered a provisional ballot. What should I do?

See <https://www.dcboe.org/FAQS/Special-Ballot-Voting> for information regarding voting by Special Ballot.

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You may be offered a special ballot when:

- Your name is not on the list of eligible voters for the precinct in which you are seeking to vote or your name or address is incorrectly printed;^{lxi}
- You cannot verify your residency while at the polling place;^{lxii}
- You applied for an absentee ballot but subsequently claim that you did not receive or use the absentee ballot to vote;^{lxiii}
- A federal or state court order extends the time for closing the polls beyond that established by state law and you vote during the extended period of time;^{lxiv}
- The poll book indicates that you have already voted (either absentee or early) or that you are checked in to vote;^{lxv} or
- You have moved and have not updated your address, and you wish to vote at the new polling place, but did not provide acceptable proof of residence.^{lxvi}

You can look up the status of your special ballot online the day after the election to find out if it was counted, and if not, the reason why it was not counted.^{lxvii}

The Board of Elections maintains a list including the names and address of individuals who attempted to register and vote, but could not provide proof of residence. The list available for public inspection upon request to the Board of Elections.^{lxviii}

QUESTIONS

49. Who should I contact if I have questions about any of the above?

Voters should contact the District of Columbia Board of Elections at 202.727.2525.

ⁱ *Register/Update Your Voting Registration*, District of Columbia Board of Elections, <https://www.dcboe.org/Voters/Register-To-Vote/Register-to-Vote>

ⁱⁱ *Register/Update Your Voting Registration*, District of Columbia Board of Elections, <https://www.dcboe.org/Voters/Register-To-Vote/Register-to-Vote>

ⁱⁱⁱ *Register/Update Your Voting Registration*, District of Columbia Board of Elections, <https://www.dcboe.org/Voters/Register-To-Vote/Register-to-Vote>

^{iv} *Register/Update Your Voting Registration*, District of Columbia Board of Elections, <https://www.dcboe.org/Voters/Register-To-Vote/Register-to-Vote>; D.C. Code § 1-1001.07(i)(6).

^v *Voting by Special Ballot*, District of Columbia Board of Elections, <https://www.dcboe.org/Voters/How-to-Vote/Special-Ballot-Voting>; D.C. Code § 1-1001.07(i)(6).

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- vi *Voting by Special Ballot*; District of Columbia Board of Elections, <https://www.dcboe.org/FAQS/Special-Ballot-Voting>
- vii *Register/Update Your Voting Registration*, District of Columbia Board of Elections, <https://www.dcboe.org/Voters/Register-To-Vote/Register-to-Vote>; D.C. Code § 1-1001.07(g)(5).
- viii D.C. Code § 1-1001.07(g)(5).
- ix <https://www.dcboe.org/Voters/Register-To-Vote/Register-to-Vote>
- x *Register/Update Your Voting Registration*, District of Columbia Board of Elections, <https://www.dcboe.org/Voters/Register-To-Vote/Register-to-Vote>; D.C. Code § 1-1001.07(g)(5).
- xi *Voting by Special Ballot*, District of Columbia Board of Elections, <https://www.dcboe.org/Voters/How-to-Vote/Special-Ballot-Voting>
- xii *Voting by Special Ballot*; District of Columbia Board of Elections, <https://www.dcboe.org/FAQS/Special-Ballot-Voting>
- xiii D.C. Code § 1-1001.07(g)(7).
- xiv D.C. Code § 1-1001.07(i)(4)(C).
- xv D.C. Code § 1-1001.07(i)(4)(A)
- xvi *FAQ's for College and High School Students*, District of Columbia Board of Elections, <https://www.dcboe.org/Voters/How-to-Vote/FAQ%E2%80%99s-for-College-and-High-School-Students>.
- xvii D.C. Code § 1-1001.02(16)(A)
- xviii *FAQ's for College and High School Students*, District of Columbia Board of Elections, <https://www.dcboe.org/Voters/How-to-Vote/FAQ%E2%80%99s-for-College-and-High-School-Students>.
- xix *Military and Overseas Voters (UOCAVA)*, District of Columbia Board of Elections, <https://www.dcboe.org/Voters/Absentee-Voting/Military-and-Overseas-Voters>
- xx D.C. Code § 1-1001.07(g)(3).
- xxi *Military and Overseas Voters (UOCAVA)*, District of Columbia Board of Elections, <https://www.dcboe.org/Voters/Absentee-Voting/Military-and-Overseas-Voters>
- xxii Press Release, DCBOE Reminds Military and Overseas Voters to Plan for November General Election Registration by-Mail deadline is October 13, 2020, <https://www.dcboe.org/CMSPages/GetFile.aspx?guid=8d82448c-05da-45a2-8b7e-ca3c75958478>
- xxiii *Military and Overseas Voters (UOCAVA)*, District of Columbia Board of Elections, <https://www.dcboe.org/Voters/Absentee-Voting/Military-and-Overseas-Voters>
- xxiv Press Release, DCBOE Reminds Military and Overseas Voters to Plan for November General Election Registration by-Mail deadline is October 13, 2020, <https://www.dcboe.org/CMSPages/GetFile.aspx?guid=8d82448c-05da-45a2-8b7e-ca3c75958478>
- xxv *FAQs for Incarcerated Voters & Returning Citizens*, District of Columbia Board of Elections, <https://www.dcboe.org/Voters/How-to-Vote/FAQ%E2%80%99s-for-Incarcerated-Voters-Returning-Citizens>
- xxvi Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Second Emergency Amendment Act of 2020, Title II, Subtitle A., Section 201(a); https://legiscan.com/DC/text/B23-0825/id/2199892/Washington_D_C_-2019-B23-0825-Enrolled.pdf
- xxvii Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Second Emergency Amendment Act of 2020, Title II, Subtitle A., Section 201(b); https://legiscan.com/DC/text/B23-0825/id/2199892/Washington_D_C_-2019-B23-0825-Enrolled.pdf
- xxviii *Voting by Special Ballot*; District of Columbia Board of Elections, <https://www.dcboe.org/FAQS/Special-Ballot-Voting>
- xxix D.C. Code § 1-1001.09(d-1).
- xxx *Voting by Special Ballot*; District of Columbia Board of Elections, <https://www.dcboe.org/FAQS/Special-Ballot-Voting>.
- xxxi D.C. Code § 1-1001.07(k)(5).
- xxxii D.C. Code § 1-1001.07(j)(2).
- xxxiii D.C. Code § 1-1001.07(k)(1).
- xxxiv D.C. Code § 1-1001.09(b-1)(2).
- xxxv *Early Vote Centers*, District of Columbia Board of Elections, <https://earlyvoting.dcboe.org/>
- xxxvi D.C. Code § 1-1001.09(b)(2) ; D.C. Code § 1-1001.09(b-1).
- xxxvii *Voting by Special Ballot*; District of Columbia Board of Elections, <https://www.dcboe.org/FAQS/Special-Ballot-Voting>

- xxxviii <https://www.dcboe.org/>
- xxxix *Request an Absentee Ballot*, District of Columbia Board of Elections, <https://www.dcboe.org/Voters/Absentee-Voting/Request-an-Absentee-Ballot>
- xl *Request an Absentee Ballot*, District of Columbia Board of Elections, <https://dcboe.org/Voters/Absentee-Voting/Request-an-Absentee-Ballot>
- xli *Voter Assistance*, District of Columbia Board of Elections, <https://www.dcboe.org/Voters/How-to-Vote/Voter-Assistance>
- xlii D.C. Code § 1-1001.09(b)(2) ; D.C. Code § 1-1001.09(b-1).
- xliii *Request an Absentee Ballot*, District of Columbia Board of Elections, <https://dcboe.org/Voters/Absentee-Voting/Request-an-Absentee-Ballot>
- xliv Absentee Voting Information, <https://dcboe.org/Data-Resources-Forms/Forms-and-Resources/AbsenteeBallotRequestForm.aspx>
- xlv *Election Day*, District of Columbia Board of Elections; <https://www.dcboe.org/FAQS/Election-Day>
- xlvi *Election Day*, District of Columbia Board of Elections; <https://www.dcboe.org/FAQS/Election-Day>
- xlvii *Voting by Special Ballot*, District of Columbia Board of Elections, <https://www.dcboe.org/FAQS/Special-Ballot-Voting>
- xlviii *Voter Assistance*, District of Columbia Board of Elections, <https://www.dcboe.org/Voters/How-to-Vote/Voter-Assistance>
- xlx *Election Day Vote Centers*, District of Columbia Board of Elections, <https://www.dcboe.org/Voters/Where-to-Vote/Election-Day-Vote-Centers>
- l D.C. Code § 1-1001.10(b)(1).
- li *Election Day*, District of Columbia Board of Elections; <https://www.dcboe.org/FAQS/Election-Day>
- lii *Voter and Language Access*, District of Columbia Board of Elections, <https://www.dcboe.org/FAQS/Voter-Access-FAQs>
- liii D.C. Code § 1-1001.09(b)(3).
- liv *Voter Assistance*, District of Columbia Board of Elections, <https://www.dcboe.org/Voters/How-to-Vote/Voter-Assistance>.
- lv D.C. Code § 1-1001.09(f).
- lvi D.C. Code § 1-1001.05(a)(15).
- lvii *Voter Assistance*, District of Columbia Board of Elections, <https://www.dcboe.org/Voters/How-to-Vote/Voter-Assistance>.
- lviii D.C. Mun. Regs. tit. 3 § 707 (2019).
- lix D.C. Mun. Regs. tit. 3 § 705.4 (2019).
- lx D.C. Code § 1-1001.09(d).
- lxi D.C. Code § 1-1001.09(d-1).
- lxii D.C. Code § 1-1001.07(i)(6).
- lxiii *Voting by Special Ballot*, District of Columbia Board of Elections, <https://www.dcboe.org/FAQS/Special-Ballot-Voting>
- lxiv D.C. Code § 1-1001.09(d-2).
- lxv *Voting by Special Ballot*, District of Columbia Board of Elections, <https://www.dcboe.org/FAQS/Special-Ballot-Voting>
- lxvi *Voting by Special Ballot*, District of Columbia Board of Elections, <https://www.dcboe.org/Voters/How-to-Vote/Special-Ballot-Voting>.
- lxvii *Voting by Special Ballot*; District of Columbia Board of Elections, <https://www.dcboe.org/FAQS/Special-Ballot-Voting>
- lxviii D.C. Code § 1-1001.07(g)(7).