

DC RESIDENT?

YOU MAY BE ABLE TO VOTE IN ALL PRIMARY, GENERAL & SPECIAL ELECTIONS!

REGISTER TO VOTE TODAY



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Individuals who were DC residents prior to incarceration have the right to vote while incarcerated. Take the steps below to register to vote. The DC general election is on November 8, 2022. Register today! Your voter registration form must reach the Board of Elections by October 18, 2022.

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Determine if You Qualify to Vote in DC: Incarcerated DC residents have the right to vote. You can register to vote in DC, if you meet all of the following criteria:

- You are a U.S. Citizen
- 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.

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Fill Out the DC Voter Registration Application: A copy of the form is attached, as is a sample form. The chart below tells you how to fill out each line of the Voter Registration Application. Write with a pen as clearly as possible. If the Board of Elections cannot read your handwriting, they cannot register you.

Line on Form	Notes
1	Select 'Yes' to indicate that you are a U.S. Citizen. If you are not a U.S. Citizen, do not complete the application.
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 or party affiliation, check the relevant box. Do not 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 (address where you lived prior to incarceration, a new DC address if the 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. While incarcerated, use the mailing address of your correctional facility. If you transfer to a different facility or are released, you have to fill out 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 (along with your jail/prison ID above) 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 prison 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, need an accommodation to vote), 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 apply. If so, sign and date. The application must be signed and dated.

Copies of DC's Voter Registration Application and postage paid return envelopes can also be requested from the Reentry Affairs Coordinators or your Unit Team at BOP facilities.

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Mail the Form to the DC Board of Elections: In order to vote in the November 2022 general election, this form needs to arrive at the Board of Elections office by: October 18, 2022.

Mail your Voter Registration Application to:
 DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
 BOARD OF ELECTIONS
 1015 HALF ST. SE, STE 750
 WASHINGTON DC 20077-0833

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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 and postmarked on or before November 8, 2022. It must be received by the Board of Elections no later than November 15, 2022 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, via email at jpenuel@dcboc.org or by phone (202) 727-5411

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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. If you have problems or questions with your registration or ballot, email them at outreachspecialist@dcboc.org or call them at (202) 727-2525. You can confirm that your Voter Registration Application form or ballot was received by phone, email, or ask a loved one to check at: <https://www.dcboc.org/Voters/Register-To-Vote/Check-Voter-Registration-Status> (Voter Registration) or <https://www.dcboc.org/Voters/Absentee-Voting/Track-Absentee-Ballot> (Ballot). You will need to provide them with your full name, date of birth, and the zip code of your DC residence.
- **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 dcvoter@lwvdc.org or call their Info Line collect at (202) 800-6190. The line is staffed daily from 12-6pm EST.
- **More Than Our Crimes:** Want to let candidates know what issues are important to you? Want to receive information about candidate positions? More Than Your 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.