



# How to Vote in the District of Columbia

Voters with disabilities, get ready and vote in the General Election on or before November 3, 2020, with this voter guide, prepared by AAPD's REV UP.



## 1. Registering to Vote

- **How can I register to vote?** You can register online on D.C.'s [registration portal](#) or by downloading and mailing, emailing, or faxing [this form](#). If you have already registered, you can double-check your voter registration status at [vote.org](#).
- **When do I need to register?** "Make sure to mail or submit your registration by October 13, or you can register in-person on Election Day on November 3.
- **Do I need an ID?** You will likely need to have a D.C. address and a D.C. ID, or a social security number if you don't have a state ID.
- **Can I vote if I have a disability?** Yes! People with disabilities who are at least 18 years old have the right to vote. Your vote matters and is protected by laws to ensure voting is accessible, independent, and private. If you have a guardian, you can still vote, unless a judge says you cannot vote. Contact your local [Protection and Advocacy agency](#) for help understanding or restoring your vote.



## 2. Learning about the Issues

- **What people or laws can I vote for?** Find your [official sample ballot](#) or use [Ballotpedia's Sample Ballot Lookup](#) to find out what is on your ballot.



## 3. Voting in Person

- **Where do I need to go to vote?** If you are registered to vote, you can find your polling place through this [online portal](#).

- **When can I vote?** D.C. allows in-person early voting, so you can vote between October 27 and November 2 and avoid lines on election day!
- **Can I vote from a car if the polling place is inaccessible?** Yes, D.C. allows voters with seniority, disability, or illness to request a ballot from a car (except at Super Vote Centers).
- **What if I want assistance with my ballot?** You may choose someone (except your boss, union agent, or a candidate) to assist you in marking your ballot.
- **Do I need an ID?** No, you do not need to bring any ID to the polling place, unless you are voting for the first-time.

## 4. Voting by Mail

- **Can I vote by mail?** All D.C. voters can cast a Mail-in-Ballot without an excuse.
- **How do I request a mail ballot?** D.C. will automatically send you a Mail-in-Ballot as long as you are registered to vote. If you want your ballot sent to a different address, use this [absentee ballot request form](#), sign it, and [return it](#) by mail or fax or email.
- **When do I need to request my ballot?** D.C. will automatically send you a Mail-in-Ballot as long as you are registered to vote. If you do need to request a ballot, your request must be received by October 27, but request your ballot as soon as possible to make sure that your ballot is received on time.
- **How do I fill out my ballot?** D.C. allows voters with disabilities to request an Accessible Remote Ballot with [this form](#) that can be completed electronically, printed, and returned. Make sure to sign your ballot; if you mark instead of sign your ballot and receive assistance with your ballot, anyone assisting with your ballot will need to complete an [attestation form](#), and follow all [instructions](#).
- **What if I want assistance with my ballot?** You may choose someone (except your boss, union agent, or a candidate) to assist you in marking your ballot. If you receive assistance with your ballot, the assister will need to complete an [attestation form](#) with the paper ballot.
- **How do I return my ballot?** Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked by November 3 and received by a local election office by November 13. Ballots

returned in-person must be received by 8pm on November 3 and can be delivered to voting centers or a drop box at the D.C. Board of Elections Office. You can find drop box locations at the [D.C. Board of Elections website](#).

- **Do I need an ID?** You do not need an ID, unless you are voting for the first-time.
- **Can I track my ballot?** Yes, you can track your ballot on D.C.'s [portal](#).

## 5. Additional Resources

- **Where can I find more info on how to vote?** For the most accurate and up-to-date elections info, contact your elections office or check out D.C.'s [Voter Guide](#):

### **District of Columbia Board of Elections**

Address: 1015 Half Street, SE, Suite 750, Washington, D.C. 20003

Phone: (202) 727-2525, (202) 741-5283 (call center), 800-643-3768 (TTY)

Email: [director@dcboe.org](mailto:director@dcboe.org)

Website: [www.dcboe.org](http://www.dcboe.org)

- **What if I am having trouble voting or registering to vote?** If you have any trouble voting, contact your local Protection and Advocacy organization:

### **University Legal Services**

Address: 220 I Street, NE, Suite 130, Washington, DC 20002

Phone: 202-547-0198

Email: [jbrown@uls-dc.org](mailto:jbrown@uls-dc.org)

Website: [www.uls-dc.org/](http://www.uls-dc.org/)

- **What if I have more questions?** Check out these resources:

- [Incarceration and Voting Rights](#)
- [Help with Getting a Voter ID](#) and [Help with Getting a Printed Absentee Ballot Application](#)
- [Guardianship and Voting Laws](#)
- [Resources for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Voters](#)
- [Resources for Blind and Low Vision Voters](#)
- [Easy Read and Plain Language Voting Resources](#)
- [ASL Hotline](#): 301-818-VOTE (301-818-8683)
- [Election Protection Hotline](#): 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683)