

ARE ALASKANS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE WHILE INCARCERATED?

Yes, incarcerated people can vote, unless they have been convicted of a “felony involving moral turpitude.”

If a person has been convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude, they may not vote in municipal, state, or federal elections from the date of the conviction until they are unconditionally discharged.

Unconditional discharge means that you are no longer under any DOC custody or supervision, including prison, halfway houses, furlough, sentenced electronic monitoring, probation, or parole. **Once a person is unconditionally discharged from all forms of supervision, they may register to vote if they are otherwise eligible.**

Because it’s a conviction that makes someone ineligible to vote in Alaska, many incarcerated Alaskans are eligible to vote. **Being charged with a felony involving moral turpitude does not make you ineligible to vote if you have not been convicted, even if you are incarcerated pretrial.** Being convicted of a misdemeanor does not make you ineligible to vote in Alaska, even while you are incarcerated or on probation.



Having issues with voting while incarcerated or navigating the elections process after incarceration?

Please notify us by filling out our online intake form at www.acluofalaskaintake.powerappsportals.com.

If you are incarcerated or cannot access the online form, write to us at ACLU of Alaska, PO Box 90788, Anchorage, Alaska 99509.



voting guidance for incarcerated and formerly incarcerated Alaskans

how to request an absentee ballot

Alaska's absentee voting system allows eligible voters to receive a ballot by mail from the Division of Elections, fill it out, and return it by mail.

An incarcerated person who is eligible to vote can write to the Division of Elections to request an absentee ballot application. The application for an absentee ballot can also be used to register to vote if you are eligible but not yet registered.

The mailing address for the Division of Elections' absentee voting office is:

3651 Penland Pkwy, 2nd Floor
Anchorage, AK 99508-2034

Friends or family can print the application (<https://www.elections.alaska.gov/doc/forms/C06.pdf>) and mail it to the incarcerated person, who can then fill it out and mail it to the Division of Elections.



HOW CAN ALASKANS VOTE AFTER THEY'VE BEEN INCARCERATED?

In general, if you have not voted for a long time, you should check your voting status because you may need to register to vote again. Check your voter registration status at www.myvoterportal.alaska.gov.

If you lost your right to vote because of a conviction, **you regain the right to vote once you are unconditionally discharged.**

If you are unconditionally discharged and eligible to vote, DOC is supposed to send you a letter notifying you that your right to vote has been restored (DOC policies 902.13 and 902.13a). If you receive this letter, make sure to keep it and any other paperwork that proves you have been unconditionally discharged. If you lose that letter, you may still register to vote; the Division of Elections typically confirms unconditional discharge directly with DOC instead of requiring you to provide paperwork as proof upfront. Make sure you have accurate information and are honest about your status.

how to register to vote after incarceration

If you wish to vote after your right to vote has been restored, you must register. There are three options to register to vote after incarceration.

- 1. Register to vote in-person** at Division of Elections Offices, DMV Offices, Vocational Rehabilitation Offices, Participating Tribal Government Offices, Legislative Information Offices, United States Armed Forces Assistance Offices, Public Assistance Agencies, City or Borough Clerk's Offices, Participating Public Libraries, or Voter Registrars. When you register to vote, you should bring your dismissal or discharge papers to prove you are no longer on probation or parole, if you have them.
- 2. Register to vote via mail.** Print a paper form (www.elections.alaska.gov/doc/forms/C03.pdf) to complete and sign. Send the completed form by mail, fax, or email to a Regional Elections Office.
- 3. Register online.** Register through the Division of Elections' online site at www.voterregistration.alaska.gov

Once your voter registration application has been approved, you may vote like any other registered voter.