

Oregon Motor Voter (OMV) Rules Advisory Committee

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165-005-0170 Oregon Motor Voter Registration

(1) Oregon Motor Voter (OMV) Registration During Covered Transactions at the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) for qualified individuals.

(a) Qualified Individuals Included in OMV Registration at the DMV

(b) Individuals Excluded from OMV Registration at the DMV

(1)(a) Qualified Individuals Included in OMV Registration at the DMV

(A) Must be a United States (U.S.) citizen.

(B) Must be at least sixteen (16) years old, pursuant to ORS 247.016.

(C) Must be an Oregon resident.

(1)(a)(A) Must be a United States (U.S.) citizen.

(i) Only an individual with a record of providing documentation to the DMV establishing that the individual is a U.S. citizen in compliance with ORS 807.040 and OAR 735-062-0020, and/or with ORS 807.455 and OAR 735-062-022, will be registered through the OMV process.

(ii) To support these efforts, the DMV shall create, maintain, and prominently display at each workstation conducting covered transactions, four distinct reference documents concerning citizenship verification:

(iii) The reference materials required under paragraph (ii) shall be reviewed, evaluated, and formally approved for continued use by the DMV at least once every twelve (12) months.

(1)(a)(A)(ii) DMV reference documents concerning citizenship verification

(I) A document identifying forms of evidence that conclusively establish U.S. citizenship.

(II) A document identifying forms of evidence that conclusively disprove U.S. citizenship.

(III) A document identifying forms of evidence that are indeterminate with respect to citizenship status.

(IV) A document containing instructions and guidance regarding the presentation of identity documents issued by United States Territories, as they relate to determinations of citizenship and voter eligibility.

(1)(b) Individuals Excluded from OMV Registration at the DMV

(A) Individuals who present documents identified on the citizenship reference document that conclusively disprove U.S. citizenship.

(B) Individuals who present documents identified on the citizenship reference document as indeterminate with respect to citizenship status.

(C) Participants in the Oregon Department of Justice Address Confidentiality Program pursuant to ORS 192.822.

(D) Individuals or their family members who have a current safety exemption from the DMV pursuant to ORS 192.455.

(1)(b) Individuals Excluded from OMV Registration at the DMV

(E) Law enforcement officials participating in a covered transaction pursuant to OAR 735-062-0290.

(F) Public employees or their family members who do not submit a residence address to the DMV pursuant to ORS 802.250.

(G) Anyone categorized by the DMV as a “continuous traveler” pursuant to OAR 735-062-0030.

(H) Individuals who do not provide their own electronic signature to the DMV.

(I) Individuals with open DMV fraud cases.

(2) Covered OMV Registration Interactions at the DMV

(a) A qualified individual applies for an original driver license, permit, or identification (ID) card pursuant to either ORS 807.040 or ORS 807.455.

(b) A qualified individual renews a driver license, permit, or ID card pursuant to either ORS 807.040 or ORS 807.455.

(c) A qualified individual applies for a replacement driver license, permit, or ID card pursuant to either ORS 807.040 or ORS 807.455.

(3) OMV Registration Process for Qualified Individuals at the DMV

(a) Prior to concluding the business associated with a covered transaction, the DMV technician shall notify all apparently qualified individuals that it has been determined that they are qualified to register to vote and that their information will be transferred to the Secretary of State (SoS) for the purpose of voter registration as required by ORS 247.017.

(b) The Voter Registration Qualification notice must be presented to apparently qualified individuals on a screen, or on a form, and it must be part of the official transaction.

(3) OMV Registration Process for Qualified Individuals at the DMV

(c) The SoS shall develop, review, and evaluate the Voter Registration Qualification notice at least once every twelve (12) months.

(d) The DMV shall ensure the current, approved Voter Registration Qualification notice is presented to every apparently qualified individual.

(e) The Voter Registration Qualification notice shall identify the consequences associated with registering to vote when not qualified.

(3) OMV Registration Process for Qualified Individuals at the DMV

(f) The Voter Registration Qualification notice shall include a disclaimer that ORS 247.017 mandates voter registration for qualified individuals through the OMV process, and that qualified individuals will have the opportunity to opt out of registration later through a separate process.

(g) The DMV shall ensure that the Voter Registration Qualification notice is available in the five (5) most commonly spoken languages in each county, other than English, as determined by the SoS pursuant to ORS 251.167.

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(h) The DMV technician administering the Voter Registration Qualification process shall provide each apparently qualified individual with a discreet means to privately indicate they do not meet the voter registration eligibility qualifications.

(i) Individuals who indicate that they do not meet qualifications during the Registration Qualification process must be assigned a unique legal presence indicator in the Oregon License Issuance and Vehicle Registration system (OLIVR) and they shall not be included in OMV. The identities of these individuals shall be protected by ORS 180.805 and ORS 180.810, and they shall not be disclosed other than to the SoS for purposes of voter list maintenance.

(3) OMV Registration Process for Qualified Individuals at the DMV

(j) At the close of each covered transaction, DMV technicians shall provide qualified individuals with an OMV Explainer document, created and approved by the SoS.

(k) The DMV shall ensure that the OMV Explainer is available in the five (5) most commonly spoken languages in each county, other than English, as determined by the SoS pursuant to ORS 251.167.

(l) The SoS will review, update, and provide the DMV with an electronic copy of the OMV Explainer document at least once every twelve (12) months.

(3) OMV Registration Process for Qualified Individuals at the DMV

(m) The DMV will be responsible for printing and distributing the approved version of the OMV Explainer.

(n) If a covered transaction occurs within thirty (30) days of a standard voter registration deadline, DMV technicians shall advise apparently qualified individuals of the pending voter registration deadline and offer them the opportunity to register to vote through the Electronic DMV Voter Registration (EDVR) process in ORS 247.019.

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(o) Standard voter registration deadlines include deadlines for March, May, August, and November Elections.

(p) Recall elections are excluded from standard voter registration deadlines.

(q) Not later than December 31 of each year, the SoS will provide the DMV with a document each year that identifies voter registration EDVR deadlines.

(4) Signature Collection During Covered Transactions at the DMV

(a) DMV technicians collecting customer signatures shall advise individuals that the signature they provide may be used for other official purposes and direct customers to use their natural, consistent signature.

(b) DMV shall post the following notice on each pin pad used for OMV signature collection:

“If you are eligible to vote, please be aware that this signature may be used to verify the signature on your ballot envelope.”

(4) Signature Collection During Covered Transactions at the DMV

(c) Pin pads used for the collection of voter registration signatures must meet or exceed the following standards:

(A) Dimensions: 500 x 175

(B) Width: 500 pixels

(C) Height: 175 pixels

(D) Resolution: 96 dpi

(4) Signature Collection During Covered Transactions at the DMV

(d) Within two (2) business days of the SoS requesting a signature file, the DMV shall make available the most recent signature obtained during a covered transaction.

(e) The DMV shall collect a new signature from qualified individuals who change their name during a covered transaction.

(5) Voter Registration at the DMV for Those Whose Qualifications Are Unknown

(a) When an individual presents identifying forms of evidence that are indeterminate with respect to citizenship status, the DMV technician shall offer the individual the opportunity to register to vote through the EDVR process in ORS 247.019.

(b) Consistent with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20501–20511, an individual shall be registered to vote through the EDVR process if they attest under penalty of perjury that they meet all eligibility requirements, including U.S. citizenship, and do not decline to be registered to vote.

(6) Voter Registration When Updating an Address Through DMV Programs

- (a) The DMV shall create and maintain an Address Change Transaction Report that identifies, for each address change transmitted to the SoS, the source, source type, and source type indicator.
- (b) The DMV and the SoS shall jointly review the Address Change Transaction Report at least once every twelve (12) months. Following each review, the SoS shall notify the DMV of any transaction source types that are to be excluded from the OMV and voter registration processes. The DMV shall exclude the transaction types identified by the SoS from data transmissions.

(6) Voter Registration When Updating an Address Through DMV Programs

(c) Upon notification from the SoS, the DMV shall implement the exclusion of the identified transaction types from data transmissions within a reasonable timeframe necessary to complete required technical or programming changes.

(d) When a transaction results in the transmission of address information to the SoS, the DMV shall inform the customer that the address provided may be used for other official purposes, including voter registration and the mailing of ballots.

(e) The DMV shall include the source type indicator in the address files transmitted to the SoS.

(f) The SoS shall include the source type indicator when making the data available to counties.

Next Steps

Next meeting: November 10, 2025

- November 10 - Continue Review of Voter Registration at DMV
- November 17- Review Data Transmission Rules & SoS OMV Processing Rules

