



# Sign Clearly. Vote Confidently.

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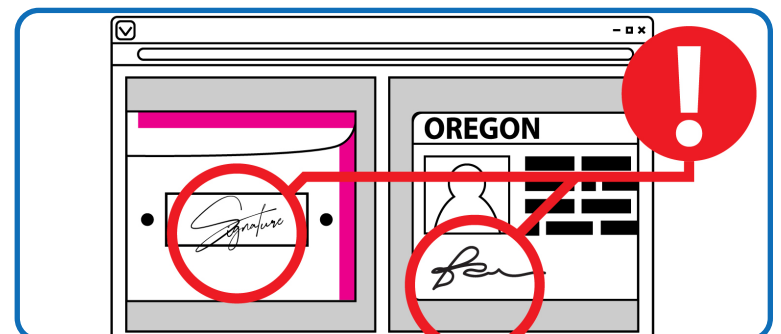
## An Official Oregon Secretary of State Voter Guide

In Oregon, your signature is your key to making sure your vote is counted and your voice is heard.

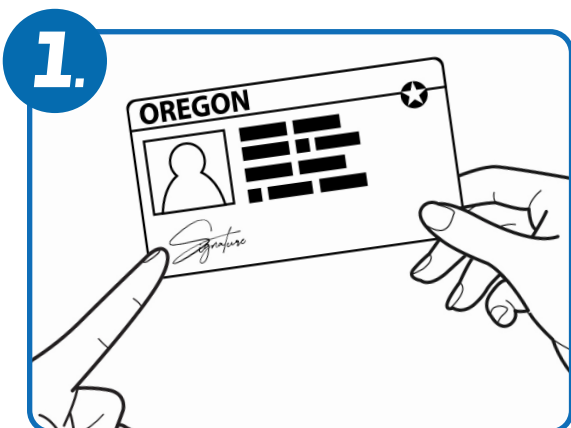
Signing your ballot with a signature different from the one you provided when you completed your voter registration, or forgetting to sign it entirely, can delay your vote. Taking a moment to sign clearly matters—here's what you should know:

### Why your signature matters

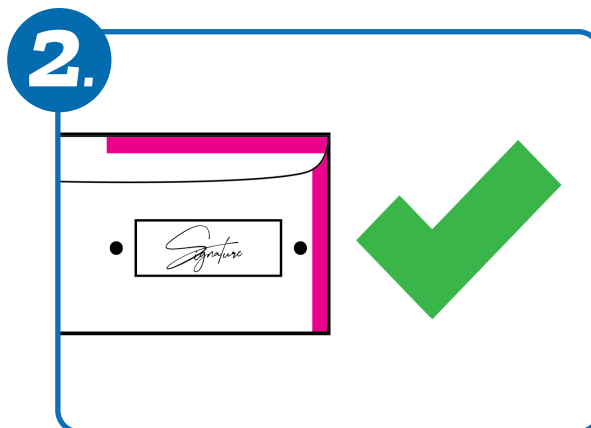
- When your ballot is returned, trained election officials **compare the signature** on your ballot envelope to the signatures associated with your voter registration record.
- Officials pay close attention to the overall style, letter shapes, spacing, and flow of your signature to confirm a match.
- If your signature is **missing or does not match**, you will be notified and have **21 days** after Election Day to **confirm it**, so your vote can be counted.



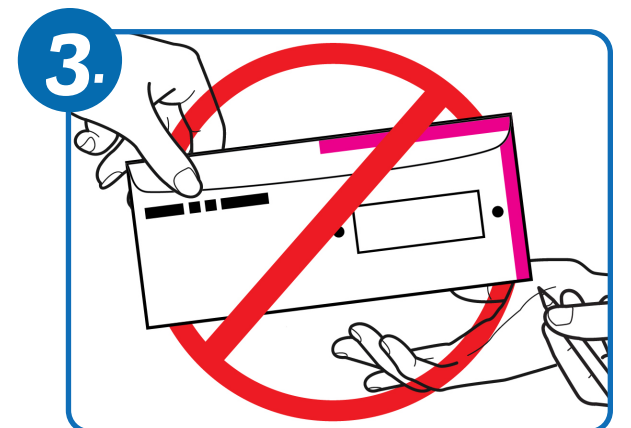
### Tips for signing your ballot



**1. Use your usual signature.**  
Local elections officials also get data from the DMV, so you can always reference the one on your Oregon driver license, permit or ID card.



**2. Sign clearly and completely inside the signature box.**



**3. Never let anyone else sign your ballot for you—not even a family member or power of attorney.**



**A forged signature can result in a class C felony, carrying a penalty of up to 5 years in prison.**



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