

When Do Newly Elected Officials Assume Office?

U.S. Senator	Noon on the 3rd day of January (US Constitution, Amendment XX, Sec 1 & 2)
U.S. Congress	Noon on the 3rd day of January (US Constitution, Amendment XX, Sec 1 & 2)
State Senate	Second Monday in January (RCW 44.04.021)
State Representatives	Second Monday in January (RCW 44.04.021)
State Officials	The Wednesday after the second Monday in January (RCW 43.01.010)
Supreme Court	Second Monday in January (WA Constitution, Article 4 Section 3)
Court of Appeals	Second Monday in January (RCW 2.06.070)
Superior Court	Second Monday in January (RCW 2.08.070)
District Court	Second Monday in January (RCW 3.34.070)
County Officials	January 1 (RCW 29A.60.280)
Public Utility Commissioners	January 1 (RCW 29A.60.280)
Precinct Committee Officers	First day of December, following the primary election (RCW 29A.80.051)
Cities and Towns Mayor/Councils	January 1 (RCW 29A.60.280)
Fire, Cemetery, Parks and Recreation Commissioners	January 1 (RCW 29A.60.280)
School Districts	First official board meeting following election certification. (RCW 28A.343.360)

- *All unexpired term positions take office upon election certification.*
- *All short plus full term positions take office upon election certification and again in January.*

For more information regarding oaths and taking office, please view this [MRSC Article](#).