Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Potential Jurors who are Limited English Proficient

1. I received a communication in the mail from the courthouse. How do I know it's a jury summons?

To be sure that the document you received from the court is a Superior Court jury summons, please view the jury summons here:



2. Why was I summoned for jury duty?

You were summoned for jury duty because:

- you have a current driver's license or non-driver's identification card in the District of Columbia
- you are registered to vote in the District of Columbia
- you file personal income taxes in the District of Columbia
- you have qualified to receive any type of public assistance benefits in the District of Columbia
- you are a naturalized U.S. citizen who resides in the District of Columbia
- 3. I received a jury summons in the mail. Am I in trouble?

No. In the District of Columbia, jury service is mandatory by law for all U.S. citizens that meet the eligibility requirements. It is considered a vital service to the community.

4. Must I respond to my jury duty notice?

Yes. You must respond to the notice by completing the juror questionnaire that was mailed with the summons. Your responses to the questionnaire determine your eligibility to serve as a juror.

5. Is there a penalty if I do not respond to my jury summons?

Yes, there are fines and penalties in place if you do not respond to your jury summons and questionnaire.

6. Who may serve as a juror?

You must:

- be a U.S. citizen
- be over the age of 18
- be a current resident of D.C. (for at least the last 6 months)
- have NO pending misdemeanor or felony charges against you
- provide supporting documentation for any mental or physical disability that would prevent you from serving

If you have a felony conviction, it must be at least 1 year since the completion of your incarceration, probation or parole to serve as a petit juror, or 10 years since the completion of your incarceration, probation or parole to serve as a grand juror.

7. I received a jury summons in the mail but I am not a U.S. citizen. What do I do?

If you receive a jury summons but are not a U.S. citizen, please go online to this website ______ to fill out an abbreviated juror questionnaire.

8. I received a jury summons in the mail but I do not speak, read, and understand English. What do I do?

If you receive a jury summons but do not speak, read, and understand English, please go online to this website _______ to fill out an abbreviated juror questionnaire.

9. I need help filling out the online abbreviated juror questionnaire. What do I do?

Please enter your Juror ID Number. This number can be located on your summons as indicated in the images below.

Please enter your Date of Birth following the format of month, day, and year as indicated in the images below.



If you need additional assistance, please contact the Jurors' Office.



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10. I filled out the online abbreviated juror questionnaire. What's next?

If you are not a U.S. citizen and/or you do not speak, read, or understand English, you will be disqualified from jury service. You will receive a letter in the mail in English stating that you are excused from jury duty. If you have additional questions, please contact the Jurors' Office at 202-879-4604 during normal business hours.

11. I am a U.S. citizen and I received a jury summons in the mail. However, I do not speak, read, and understand English sufficiently to participate in jury duty. I am taking English lessons and want to participate in jury service. If I don't speak English, will I be permanently disqualified or will I have the opportunity to serve again in the future once my English has improved?

Yes, you will receive a jury summons again in approximately 2 years. If your linguistics skills have improved such that you are able to speak, read, and understand the English language, and you meet all the remaining criteria, you will be qualified to serve jury duty.