

2022 Absentee Ballot Requirements and Instructions
For your absentee ballot vote to be counted, please follow these steps:

STEP 1: You must be qualified to vote by absentee ballot because you will be absent on election day, which includes work obligations including care of children/infirm adult(s), you are confined in a penal institution for a misdemeanor or while awaiting trial, you cannot appear in public on election day due to a religious commitment, or you have a disability, which includes concern about exposure to infection from COVID-19 or exposing others.

STEP 2: Fill out your ballot. Follow the instructions on the ballot. If you require assistance due to a disability, you may have someone else assist you. The person who assists a voter who has a disability must sign a statement acknowledging the assistance on either the absentee ballot application form and/or affidavit envelope (See Step 4 below).

Important: When filling out your ballot, completely fill in the oval to the right of your choice on the ballot. If the instructions indicate you may vote for more than one candidate for a particular office, do not vote for more than the number of candidates stated in the instructions. If you vote for more than the stated number of candidates, your vote for that office will not be counted.

STEP 3: Once finished marking the ballot, the voter or the person assisting the voter must place the ballot inside the smaller affidavit envelope sent to the voter with the ballot, then seal that smaller affidavit envelope. RSA 657:17

STEP 4: Next, the applicant must sign the affidavit printed on the outside of the affidavit envelope, unless that person is unable to sign and receives assistance due to a disability. The signature certifies under penalty of voting fraud that you meet one of the requirements to vote absentee, RSA 657:7. If the voter is unable to sign due to disability, the person assisting the voter must instead complete the section of the application and affidavit that reads "I attest that I assisted the applicant in executing this form because he/she has a disability."

Signature _____ Print Name _____ RSA 657:4; 657:17.

STEP 5: Place the completed affidavit envelope, containing the marked ballot, inside the larger envelope.

If you are not yet registered and are returning absentee voter registration forms and proof of qualifications, place those documents inside the larger envelope.

Do not place voter registration documents in the smaller affidavit envelope. Seal the larger envelope.

STEP 6: In the upper left corner of the larger envelope, print the voter's name, address, and voting place. RSA 657:17. Place postage on the larger envelope and mail it to the clerk. As an alternative, the voter, or a delivery agent may personally deliver the envelope to the clerk. If delivered to the polls on election day by a delivery agent he or she will be required to present government issued photo identification or have his or her identity verified by the clerk and complete a form provided there by the clerk. RSA 657:17. Family members, nursing home and elder care facility administrators, and a person assisting a voter with a disability who signs the absentee ballot affidavit (limited to delivering ballots for 4 voters) may be a delivery agent. See RSA 657:17: <http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/LXIII/657/657-17.htm>

The envelopes containing your absentee ballot must be received by the clerk no later than 5:00 PM on election day. RSA 657:21-a, V; 657:22.

NOTE: If the voter delivers the absentee ballot and affidavit, sealed in the larger envelope in person to the clerk, the voter may voluntarily prove his or her identity using a qualified photo identification, such as a driver's license or non-driver ID issued by any state. If the voter proves identity, the larger envelope and the Clerk's list of absentee voters will be marked "voter verified." If the voter's absentee ballot is challenged on election day, the Moderator, when ruling on the challenge, may consider this evidence that the voter's identity was verified by the clerk.

Visit the Voter Look-up website: <https://app.sos.nh.gov> after the next session of the supervisors, to verify that you have been registered. Contact your clerk if you have questions regarding the information on the Voter Look-up website. RSA 657:26.



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Application for State Election Absentee Ballot-RSA 657:4

Absence, Religious Observance, or Disability

(Uniformed and Overseas Citizen Voters Residing Outside the U.S. use the federal post card application)

For Official Use Only
Voter Not registered

I. I hereby declare that (check one):

- I am a duly qualified voter who is currently registered to vote in this town/ward.
I am absent from the town/city where I am domiciled and will be until after the next election, or I am unable to register in person due to a disability, and request that the forms necessary for absentee voter registration be sent to me with the absentee ballot.

II. I will be entitled to vote by absentee ballot because (check one):

- I plan to be absent on the day of the election from the city, town, or unincorporated place where I am domiciled.
I am confined in a penal institution for a misdemeanor or while awaiting trial.
I am requesting a ballot for the presidential primary election and I may be absent on the day of the election from the city, town, or unincorporated place where I am domiciled, but the date of the election has not been announced.
I cannot appear in public on election day because of observance of a religious commitment.
I am unable to vote in person due to a disability.
I cannot appear at any time during polling hours at my polling place because of an employment obligation.

For use only on the Monday immediately prior to the election: I cannot appear at my polling place on election day because the National Weather Service has issued a winter storm warning, blizzard warning, or ice storm warning for election day applicable to my city, town, or unincorporated place and either (check one):

- I am elderly or infirm or I have a physical disability, and would otherwise vote in person but I have concerns for my safety traveling in the storm.
I anticipate that school, child care, or adult care will be canceled, and would otherwise vote in person but will need to care for children or infirm adults.

Any person who votes or attempts to vote using an absentee ballot who is not entitled to vote by absentee ballot shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. RSA 657:24

III. I am requesting an official absentee ballot for the following election (check only one):

- *Required for Primary Elections: I am a member of, or I am now declaring my affiliation with a party and I am requesting a ballot for that party's primary (check only one):
*State Primary Election to be held on September 13, 2022
Democratic Party
Republican Party
State General Election to be held on November 8, 2022

OR

- *State Special Primary Election to be held on / /
Democratic Party
Republican Party
State Special General Election to be held on / /

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Voter ID #

Date Returned: / /

Date Mailed: / /

Date Requested: / /

Last Name:
First Name:

IV. Applicant's Name (Please Print):

Last Name First Name Middle Name (Jr., Sr., II,III)

Applicant's Voting Domicile (**home**) Address:

Street Number Street Name Apt/Unit City/Town Ward Zip Code

Mail the ballot to me at this address (**if different than the above home address**)

Street or PO Box # Street name Apt/Unit City/Town State Zip Code

Applicant's Phone Number: (_____) _____ - _____
(Cell phone or number where you can be contacted prior to and on election day is preferred)

Applicant's Email Address: _____@_____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date Signed: _____

The applicant must sign this form to receive an absentee ballot. Any person who witnesses and assists a voter with a disability in executing this form shall print and sign his or her name in the space provided on the application form.

I attest that I assisted the applicant in executing this form because he/she has a disability.

Signature _____ Print Name _____

Mail/fax/email or hand deliver this completed form to your local City/Town Clerk.

For clerk addresses and fax numbers: <https://app.sos.nh.gov>

Visit the web site: <https://app.sos.nh.gov> to track your absentee ballot. You may verify receipt of your application, obtain the date when your absentee ballot was mailed to you, the date the clerk receives your completed absentee ballot, and after the election learn if your absentee ballot was rejected/not counted and why. Contact your clerk if you have questions regarding the information on the "Voter Information Look-up / Absentee Ballot Search" site.

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