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Vote By Mail

Overview

On this page, learn about absentee-by-mail voting, including options for military and overseas voters, and blind and visually impaired voters.

Absentee-By-Mail Voting

Any North Carolina registered voter may request, receive, and vote a mail-in absentee ballot where absentee voting is permitted. For an overview of North Carolina's primary and general elections in 2024, visit [Upcoming Election](https://web/20240108154755/https://www.ncsbe.gov/voting/upcoming-election) (/web/20240108154755/https://www.ncsbe.gov/voting/upcoming-election).

Registered voters in North Carolina must request an absentee ballot with an official N.C. Absentee Ballot Request Form. There are two ways to access and submit the form:

[Voting \(/web/20240108154755/https://www.ncsbe.gov/voting\)](https://web/20240108154755/https://www.ncsbe.gov/voting)

[Upcoming Election \(/web/20240108154755/https://www.ncsbe.gov/voting/upcoming-election\)](https://web/20240108154755/https://www.ncsbe.gov/voting/upcoming-election)

1. Online:

- “Option 1 – Request an Absentee Ballot” (will reopen in January 2024) at the [N.C. Absentee Ballot Portal](https://web.archive.org/web/20240108154755/https://votebymail.ncsbe.gov/app/home) (<https://web.archive.org/web/20240108154755/https://votebymail.ncsbe.gov/app/home>).

2. On paper:

- [2024 N.C. Absentee Ballot Request Form in English \(PDF\)](https://web.archive.org/web/20240108154755/https://s3.amazonaws.com/dl.ncsbe.gov/Forms/2024/English-Fillable-2024-Absentee-Ballot-Request-Form.pdf) (<https://web.archive.org/web/20240108154755/https://s3.amazonaws.com/dl.ncsbe.gov/Forms/2024/English-Fillable-2024-Absentee-Ballot-Request-Form.pdf>).
- 2024 N.C. Absentee Ballot Request Form in Spanish (download to come).
 - After completing, submit the form to your [county board of elections](https://web.archive.org/web/20240108154755/https://vt.ncsbe.gov/BOEInfo/) (<https://web.archive.org/web/20240108154755/https://vt.ncsbe.gov/BOEInfo/>) or in person or by mail via the U.S. Postal Service, DHL, FedEx, or UPS.

Track your absentee-by-mail ballot through the mail: Once you have requested your absentee ballot, you can track its status from printed to accepted by signing up online for status notifications through [BallotTrax](https://web.archive.org/web/20240108154755/https://northcarolina.ballottrax.net/voter/) (<https://web.archive.org/web/20240108154755/https://northcarolina.ballottrax.net/voter/>). BallotTrax will be available 30 days prior to each election in 2024.



12 Reasons Absentee Voting is Secure

Learn about the many processes in place to ensure absentee voting is secure and conducted according to state law.

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[Your Voter Record](https://web/20240108154755/https://www.ncsbe.gov/voting/your-voter-record) ([/web/20240108154755/https://www.ncsbe.gov/voting/your-voter-record](https://web/20240108154755/https://www.ncsbe.gov/voting/your-voter-record))

[Voter ID](https://web/20240108154755/https://www.ncsbe.gov/voting/voter-id) ([/web/20240108154755/https://www.ncsbe.gov/voting/voter-id](https://web/20240108154755/https://www.ncsbe.gov/voting/voter-id))

[Vote Early in Person](https://web/20240108154755/https://www.ncsbe.gov/voting/vote-early-person) ([/web/20240108154755/https://www.ncsbe.gov/voting/vote-early-person](https://web/20240108154755/https://www.ncsbe.gov/voting/vote-early-person))

[Vote in Person on Election Day](https://web/20240108154755/https://www.ncsbe.gov/voting/vote-person-election-day) ([/web/20240108154755/https://www.ncsbe.gov/voting/vote-person-election-day](https://web/20240108154755/https://www.ncsbe.gov/voting/vote-person-election-day))

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Military and Overseas Voting

The federal Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) allows certain voters an expedited means to register and vote by mail-in ballot. Find more information at [Military and Overseas Voting \(/web/20240108154755/https://www.ncsbe.gov/voting/vote-mail/military-and-overseas-voting\)](https://www.ncsbe.gov/voting/vote-mail/military-and-overseas-voting).

Accessible Absentee Voting

If you are a blind or visually impaired voter in North Carolina, you can request, mark, and return an accessible absentee ballot online through a system that is compatible with screen readers and that allows for a digital or typed signature. Learn more at [Accessible Absentee Voting \(/web/20240108154755/https://www.ncsbe.gov/voting/help-voters-disabilities/accessible-absentee-voting\)](https://www.ncsbe.gov/voting/help-voters-disabilities/accessible-absentee-voting).

If you live at a facility such as a hospital, clinic, or nursing home, find details about receiving assistance with mail-in voting and other services provided by a multipartisan assistance team (MAT) at [Assistance for Voters in Care Facilities \(/web/20240108154755/https://www.ncsbe.gov/voting/help-voters-disabilities/assistance-voters-care-facilities\)](https://www.ncsbe.gov/voting/help-voters-disabilities/assistance-voters-care-facilities).

Detailed Instructions to Vote By Mail

Voting by mail in North Carolina takes three simple steps — requesting, completing, and returning a ballot. Find more information at [Detailed Instructions to Vote By Mail \(/web/20240108154755/https://www.ncsbe.gov/voting/vote-mail/detailed-instructions-vote-mail\)](https://www.ncsbe.gov/voting/vote-mail/detailed-instructions-vote-mail).

FAQ

For answers to absentee-by-mail voting questions, visit [FAQ: Voting by Mail \(/web/20240108154755/https://www.ncsbe.gov/voting/vote-mail/faq-voting-mail\)](https://www.ncsbe.gov/voting/vote-mail/faq-voting-mail).

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