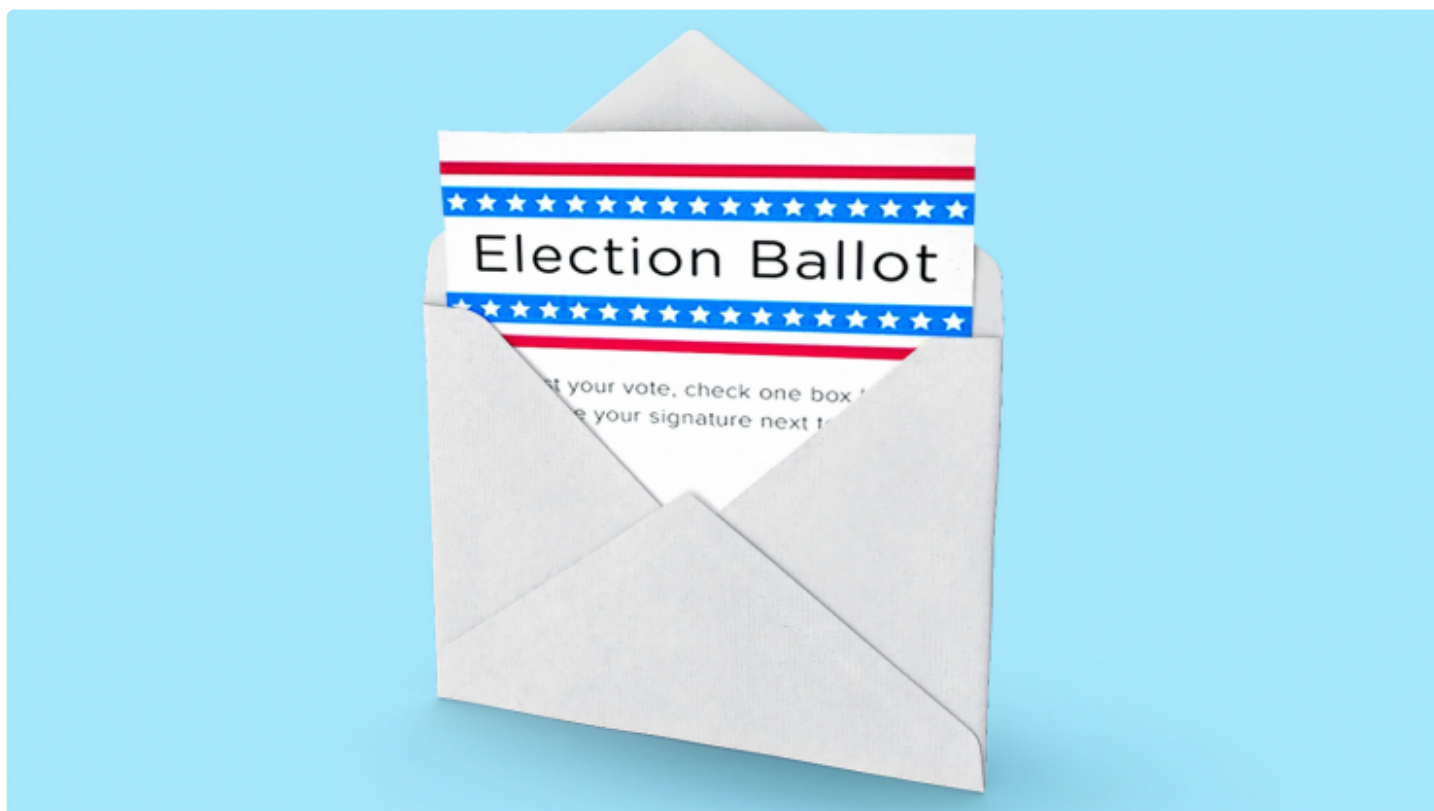# Vote By Mail

![Election Ballot in an envelope]

You may not request an absentee ballot with an expired form.

Overview

Find details on this page about absentee-by-mail voting options for civilian, military and overseas, or blind and visually impaired voters. Visit the vote-by-mail FAQ (/web/20220223175211/https://www.ncsbe.gov/voting/vote-mail/faq-voting-mail) and detailed instructions to vote by mail (/web/20220223175211/https://www.ncsbe.gov/voting/vote-mail/detailed-instructions-vote-mail) pages in this section to learn more.

Absentee-By-Mail Voting in the 2022 Statewide Primary

Any North Carolina registered voter may request, receive, and vote a mail-in absentee ballot. No special circumstance or reason is needed. 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:

1. Online with "Option 1 – Request an Absentee Ballot" at the N.C. Absentee Ballot Portal. (https://web.archive.org/web/20220223175211/https://votebymail.ncsbe.gov/app/home)

2. On paper with the English N.C. Absentee Ballot Request Form for 2022 (fillable PDF) (https://web.archive.org/web/20220223175211/https://s3.amazonaws.com/dl.ncsbe.gov/ Forms/English-Fillable-2022-Absentee-Ballot-Request-Form.pdf) or the English N.C. Absentee Ballot Request Form for 2022 (non-fillable print-only PDF) (https:// web.archive.org/web/20220223175211/https://s3.amazonaws.com/dl.ncsbe.gov/Forms/ English-Non-Fillable-2022-Absentee-Ballot-Request-Form.pdf) or the **Spanish N.C. Absentee Ballot Request Form for 2022** (download coming in 2022).

Dates and Deadlines

The voter registration deadline is 25 days before Election Day. Find out how to register. (/ web/20220223175211/https://www.ncsbe.gov/registering/how-register)

Absentee-By-Mail Date or Deadline
March 28, 2022: The date by which the boards of elections must make available absentee ballots, unless reduced by five days under N.C.G.S. 163-227.10(a). (https://web.archive.org/ web/20220223175211/https://www.ncleg.gov/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/HTML/BySection/ Chapter_163/GS_163-227.10.html)
April 22, 2022: Civilian voter registration deadline for the 2022 statewide primary.
May 10, 2022: Deadline for civilians to submit an absentee ballot request form for the 2022 statewide primary.
May 17, 2022: Election Day for the 2022 statewide primary and civilian absentee ballot return deadline.

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For an overview of the 2022 statewide primary, visit Upcoming Election. (/web/20220223175211/ https://www.ncsbe.gov/voting/upcoming-election)

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/20220223175211/https://www.ncsbe.gov/voting/vote-mail/

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/20220223175211/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/20220223175211/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/20220223175211/https://www.ncsbe.gov/voting/vote-mail/detailed-instructions-vote-mail)

FAQ: Voting By Mail

+ When can I request my ballot for the 2022 statewide primary?

You can request an absentee ballot for the 2022 statewide primary now until the deadline: Your county board of elections (https://web.archive.org/web/20220223175211/https://vt.ncsbe.gov/BOEInfo/) must receive your request form by **5 p.m. on May 10, 2022**, one week before Election Day.

Please include enough time for your request to be received by the deadline if you submit the request form by mail. The State Board encourages voters to request their absentee ballot as early as possible to ensure enough time to complete and return the ballot. Requests received after the deadline will not be processed.

+ How many witnesses do I need when I mark my absentee ballot?

One notary public or two witnesses must be in your presence when you mark your absentee ballot. They should only observe you marking your ballot, not how you vote.

+ When is the ballot return deadline for the 2022 statewide primary?

Civilian absentee voters must return the container-return envelope with the voted ballot enclosed to their county board of elections no later than **5 p.m. on Election Day, May 17, 2022.**

Absentee ballots received after 5 p.m. on Election Day will be counted only if they are postmarked on or before Election Day and received by mail no later than 5 p.m. on the Friday after the election. Ballots *without* a postmark must be received by Election Day.

For answers to more absentee-by-mail voting questions, visit FAQ: Voting by Mail. (/web/20220223175211/https://www.ncsbe.gov/voting/vote-mail/faq-voting-mail)

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