



2024 Absentee Ballot Marking and Mailing 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 (caring for children or infirm adult(s) is considered a work obligation); 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; you have a disability; or if the National Weather Service issues a weather event warning for your town/ward for election day.

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 the absentee ballot application form and/or affidavit envelope (Form A) (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 (Form A) sent to the voter with the ballot, then seal that smaller affidavit envelope (Form A). RSA 657:17

STEP 4: Next, the applicant must sign the affidavit printed on the outside of the affidavit envelope (Form A), 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.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE – STATE ABSENTEE BALLOT RSA 657:7, II	
YOUR COMPLETED ABSENTEE BALLOT MUST BE SEALED IN THIS ENVELOPE	
<p>I do hereby certify under the penalties for voting fraud set forth below that: I am a voter in the city or town of _____, New Hampshire.</p> <p>One of the following applies to me:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) I will be absent on election day. Absence includes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) I will be out-of-town on election day. (b) I will be unable to vote in person because I will be working. (c) I will be unable to vote in person because I will be caring for children or infirm adults, with or without compensation. (d) I am voting absentee on the Monday immediately before the election, the National Weather Service has issued a winter storm warning, blizzard warning, or ice storm warning that applies to my town/ward, and I have concerns for traveling in the storm. 2) I am unable to vote in person due to disability. 3) I am unable to vote in person due to observance of a religious commitment, which prevents me from voting in person. 4) I am confined to a penal institution for a misdemeanor or while awaiting trial. 	<p>I have carefully read or had read to me the absentee voting instructions. I personally marked the absentee ballot enclosed in this envelope, or, due to a disability, I had assistance in marking the absentee ballot.</p> <p>Voter Signature _____</p> <p>A person assisting a voter with a disability shall sign this statement on this envelope acknowledging the assistance.</p> <p>I attest that I assisted _____ (print voter name) because the voter is a person with a disability. I marked the ballot and/or this form as instructed by the voter.</p> <p>Signature _____ Print Name _____</p> <p><i>In accordance with RSA 659:34, the penalty for knowingly or purposefully providing false information when registering to vote or voting is a class A misdemeanor with a maximum sentence of imprisonment not to exceed one year and a fine not to exceed \$2,000. Fraudulently registering to vote or voting is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$5,000.</i></p>
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If the voter is unable to sign due to a disability, the person assisting the voter must instead complete the attestation section of the affidavit. RSA 657:7.

STEP 5: Place the completed affidavit envelope (Form A), containing the marked ballot, inside the larger envelope (Form B):

Name _____
Voting Address _____ Ward _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
FORM B



Post Office will not deliver without postage
This envelope may require additional postage

ENCLOSED IS THE BALLOT OF AN ABSENTEE VOTER

TO: TOWN OR CITY CLERK OF _____

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

Do not place voter registration documents in the smaller affidavit envelope (Form A). Seal the larger envelope (Form B).

STEP 6: If your city or town clerk did not include a label with your name and address printed on it in the upper left corner of the larger envelope (Form B), print the voter's name, address, and voting place. RSA 657:17. Place postage on the larger envelope (Form B) 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 (Form A) (limited to delivering ballots for 4 voters) may be a delivery agent. See RSA 657:17:

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 (Form B) 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 (Form B) 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 Information Look-up website: <https://app.sos.nh.gov> to track the progress of your absentee ballot. Contact your clerk if you have questions regarding the information on the Voter Information Look-up website. RSA 657:26.

