



## ABSENTEE VOTING IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

### *Step 1. Eligibility*

You may vote absentee because of a **disability** or **medical condition** that limits your public exposure, **work hours** (including caring for children or the elderly, even if you aren't paid) **religious observance**, **military service**, or **temporary absence**. Or if there is a national weather advisory for a storm in your area on election day, you may vote absentee at your town clerk's office up to 5pm the day before the election.

To vote absentee you need to be registered to vote in the town where you live. You may register by mail using the absentee process if you cannot apply in person. Call your town/city clerk for instructions about this process. You can find contact information for your local clerk at [www.sos.nh.gov/elections](http://www.sos.nh.gov/elections) - **Voter Information Lookup**.



### *Step 2. How to Request an Absentee Ballot*

Once you are registered and eligible to vote absentee you may ask your city/town clerk for an **Absentee Ballot Application**. You can also download a form from the Secretary of State's website: [sos.nh.gov/elections](http://sos.nh.gov/elections)  
**Do this as early as you can.**



### ***Step 3. How to Get an Absentee Ballot***

You must show a government-issued photo ID **OR** include a copy of your government-issued photo ID with your application **OR** have your signature on the application notarized. **(This is a new requirement starting in 2025.)** Return the application to your own town clerk.



### ***Step 4. Ballot Completion***

**Read the instructions!** Fill out your ballot **making sure you completely fill in the ovals.** You may have assistance with this process, and the name of the person must be acknowledged on the application or the affidavit envelope.



### ***Step 5. Ballot Return***

You need to return your completed ballot to the clerk's office by mail (by **5:00pm on election day**) or in person (by **5:00pm on the day before the election.**) A relative or nursing home administrator may also deliver your ballot to the polls on election day; must show their ID to the clerks. The US Postal Service recommends that you put your ballot in the mail at least one week before the election. Visit the **Voter Information Lookup** to track the status of your ballot: [APP.SOS.NH.GOV](https://app.sos.nh.gov)

For more information on voting in New Hampshire, see the Secretary of State's website. [sos.nh.gov/elections](https://sos.nh.gov/elections)