

# THREE SIMPLE STEPS TO VOTING ABSENTEE IN 2020



## STEP #1: REQUEST YOUR ABSENTEE BALLOT\* by Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2020, at 5 PM.

\*A legal guardian or near relative (defined as a spouse, brother, sister, parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, mother-in-law, father-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, stepparent, or stepchild) may request a ballot for you.

There are three main ways to request your absentee ballot:

1. Online option to submit is at [demnc.co/portal](https://demnc.co/portal).
2. Download or print your request form at [demnc.co/absentee](https://demnc.co/absentee) and return it to your county board of elections (BOE) office in-person or by mail, email, or fax.
3. Ask your county board of elections to mail you a printed request form or pick one up at their office (BOE contact info: [demnc.co/yourboe](https://demnc.co/yourboe)).



**DON'T FORGET:** Voter Information, Identification, NC Residential Address, and Signature is required. Include a phone number in the "Contact Information" section in case anything is hard to read.

### North Carolina Absentee Ballot Request Form November 3, 2020

Read instructions before completing this form.

<b>Voter Information Required</b>	<b>1</b>	Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Name _____ Suffix (Jr, Sr, II, III, IV) _____ Former Name (If name has changed) _____
<b>Voter Identification Required</b>	<b>2</b>	Date of Birth _____ <b>ALSO: Either</b> NC Driver's License/NC DMV ID Number _____ <b>Or</b> Last four digits of voter's Social Security number _____
<b>Your NC Residential Address Required</b>	<b>3</b>	If you have lived at this address less than 30 days, when did you move here? (MM/DD/YYYY) _____ Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ County _____ If you do not receive mail at this address, provide your full mailing address: Mailing Address _____ _____
<b>Where do you want your ballot mailed?</b>	<b>4</b>	If you leave this section blank, your ballot will be sent to your mailing address, or if none is listed, to your residential address above. Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
<b>Contact Information</b>	<b>5</b>	We will use your contact information if we have a question about this request. Phone _____ Email _____



Questions about requesting your ballot?  
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## STEP #2: COMPLETE YOUR BALLOT as soon as you receive it.

After you submit an absentee ballot request form, an absentee ballot will be mailed to you. Mark your absentee ballot that is mailed to you with a **ballpoint pen** in the presence of **ONE witness**.\*

\*Almost anyone over 18 years old can be your witness – including a spouse or neighbor.

Once your ballot is completed, do these three things before your return it:

1. Seal the ballot in the return envelope provided,
2. Complete and sign the Absentee Application and Certificate on the return envelope, and
3. Have the witness complete and sign the return envelope in the Witness's Certification section.



**DON'T FORGET:** The voter and witness must sign in the right places to avoid problems. The witness must also print their name and full address (street, city, state, and zip code). If you mess up your ballot up or envelope, contact your county BOE to get another ([demnc.co/yourboe](http://demnc.co/yourboe)).

### Absentee application and certificate

#### Step 1: Get your witness ready.

You must have one witness who is nearby when you mark your ballot. Anyone who is 18 years of age or older can be a witness except a candidate (unless the candidate is your near relative or legal guardian).

If you are a patient or resident in a hospital, clinic, nursing home or adult care home, your witness certifies they are not:

- An owner, manager, director, or employee, of a hospital, clinic, nursing home or rest home in which you are a patient or resident.
- A person who holds any federal, state, or local elective office.
- A person who holds office in a state, congressional district, county or precinct political party or organization, or who is a campaign manager or treasurer for any candidate or political party.

#### Step 2: Voter, sign and complete below.

As a Voter, my signature below means I certify that I:

- am registered to vote in this county.
- will have lived at my address listed here at least 30 days before this election.
- am a US citizen.
- am at least 18, or will be by this election.
- have not been convicted of a felony or if I have been convicted of a felony I have completed my sentence, including probation, post release supervision and parole.
- understand it is a felony to vote more than once in an election.

I marked the enclosed ballot or it was marked for me according to my instructions.

Voter, sign here.

X

Name correction (if applicable):

Before you return your ballot, make sure:

- Your ballot is marked and inside the envelope.
- You signed and completed Step 2.
- Your witness signed and completed Step 3.
- If you are the witness, you signed and completed the Voter Assistant Certification.
- If mailing, you have applied your postage stamp.



#### Step 3: Witness, sign and complete below.

As the Witness, my signature below means I certify that:

- meet the qualifications outlined in Step 1.
- confirmed the Voter marked the enclosed ballot in my presence, or caused it to be marked in my presence according to their instructions.
- respected the secrecy of the ballot and the Voter's privacy, unless I assisted the Voter at their request.

Witness, print name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Witness signature: x

#### If needed, Voter assistant certification.

Only required if the Voter has received assistance in marking the ballot or needs assistance mailing the ballot.

As the Voter's Assistant, my signature below means I certify that:

- the Voter asked for my help.
- I helped mark the ballot and/or the Absentee Application and Certificate according to the Voter's instruction.
- I assisted only while in the Voter's presence.
- I am the Voter's near relative or verifiable legal guardian, or I am providing assistance because a near relative or legal guardian is unavailable to assist the Voter and I am not disqualified from assisting the Voter.
- I understand that individuals who are disqualified from serving as a witness as described in Step 1 are also disqualified from serving as the Voter's assistant.
- If the Voter indicated they have a disability that prevents them from mailing the ballot, I will place the sealed absentee return envelope in the closest U.S. Mail depository or mailbox.

Assistant, print name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Assistant signature: x

even that a second attempt at your ballot is called, you must sign and seal the absentee ballot for that election.

Fraudulently or falsely completing this form is a Class 1 Felony under Chapter 153 of the NC General Statutes. If you have questions about completing your absentee ballot, you may call xxx-xxx-xxxx.

## STEP #3: RETURN YOUR BALLOT by Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020 at 5 PM.\*

\*If you wait until Nov. 3 to mail your ballot, you (or a near relative or legal guardian) must take it to a post office to have it postmarked by 5 PM.

You have three options to return your ballot in the provided return envelope:

1. In person to your COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS by 5 PM on Tuesday, Nov. 3,
2. In person to a county EARLY VOTING SITE during the Oct. 15-31 early voting period (find your county's early voting sites at [demnc.co/voteearly](http://demnc.co/voteearly)), or
3. Mail it to your COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS using a 55 cent stamp with the envelope postmarked by 5 PM on Tuesday, Nov. 3.



**DON'T FORGET:** Only the voter (or the voter's near relative or legal guardian) may return your ballot – do not give it to someone else to return. You CANNOT return the ballot to your Election Day polling place.

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