Request an absentee ballot
You can request an absentee ballot for 1 voter per form, for 1 election at a time. The information that you provide on this form will be used to update your current voter record if signed by the voter. You may not change your party using this form.
If you are not registered, you must submit a voter registration form with this request.

Fraudulently or falsely completing this form is a Class I felony under Chapter 163 of the NC General Statutes.

Instructions

1: Election Date
Request for 1 election per form.

2: Voter name
Provide your full legal name. If your name has changed, this form will be used to update your current voter record.

3: Voter identification
You must provide your date of birth and one of the following:

- A NC Driver’s License or DMV ID card number
- The last 4 digits of your social security number

4: Home address
Provide the street address where you live as of today. If you are temporarily living away or displaced from the address where you live and you plan to return later, provide your residential (home) address for voting. However, if you have abandoned your place of residence and intend to stay at a new address indefinitely, you must provide your new address here. Signing in section 11 will update your voter registration. If your new address is in a different county, you will not be able to update your address using this form and will need to submit a new voter registration in your new county.

5: Ballot mailing address
Indicate where you would like your ballot to be sent. If you do not want your ballot to be sent to your residential or mailing address, provide another address here.

6: Accessibility options
Check if you require an absentee ballot for other possible elections in 2023 due to your continued or expected illness or disability. Check the 2nd box in section 6 if you require an accessible ballot due to blindness or visual impairment and provide your email in section 7 so that we may contact you when the ballot is available.

7: Contact information
This section asks for your contact information in case we have questions about this request. Provide contact information for the voter or if the voter did not fill out the form, contact information for the near relative, legal guardian, or assistant who filled out the form.

8: Requesting a ballot for a voter
A near relative or legal guardian may request a ballot for a voter but may not make changes to the voter’s registration record. A near relative is a voter’s:

- Spouse
- Brother or sister
- Parent or stepparent
- Mother/father-in-law
- Child or stepchild
- Son/daughter-in-law
- Grandparent/Grandchild

Any person may request an absentee ballot for a voter who needs assistance making the request due to disability. Under the Americans with Disabilities Act, a disability is a physical or mental impairment that causes someone to be substantially limited in a major life activity. When requesting a ballot on behalf of a voter, the requester must complete and sign section 8.

9: Assisting a voter in filling out or returning this form
If you are helping a voter fill out or return their form, complete this section. The voter will still need to sign or make their mark in section 11. Any voter may receive assistance from their near relative or verifiable legal guardian. A voter who needs assistance completing or returning their request form due to their blindness, disability, or inability to read or write may receive assistance from a person of their choice. For voters living in a facility (clinic, nursing home, or adult care home) who do NOT require assistance due to a disability, certain limitations apply.

10: Military or overseas
Complete this section if you claim North Carolina as your voting residence and are:

- A U.S. citizen currently outside of the United States
- Or a member of one of the following, or a spouse or dependent of a member of one of the following:
  - The active or reserve components of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard of the United States who is on active duty
  - A member of the Merchant Marines, the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service, or the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the United States
  - A member of the National Guard or State militia unit who is on activated status

11: Voter’s signature
This form must be signed by the voter (unless a near relative or legal guardian or assistant is requesting a ballot on the voter’s behalf and fills out section 8). If the voter cannot physically sign this form, they can make a mark. A typed signature or signature fonts are not allowed.

If you indicate that you have changed your name (section 2) or address (section 4), signing will update your voter registration.

How to return this form
Return your completed and signed form to your county board of elections by 5:00 pm on the Tuesday before the election.
You can:
- Drop it off in-person
- Mail it
This form can only be returned by:
- The voter or the voter’s near relative or verifiable legal guardian
- A Multipartisan Assistance Team
- A person who assisted by returning the form due to the voter’s disability.

Return this form to:
Buncombe County Election Services
Mail: PO Box 7468, Asheville, NC 28802
In Person: 59 Woodfin Pl, Asheville, NC 28801
Questions?
Call: 828-250-4200
Visit: buncombecounty.org/vote

Skip the paper form and request online
Complete, sign, and submit your request online at votebymail.ncsbe.gov.
North Carolina Absentee Ballot Request Form for 2023 Municipal Elections

**Election date**  
You can request 1 ballot for only 1 election at a time.  
**Required**  

1. 11/07/23  Election or Runoff

**Print voter name**  
Any name change you give on this form will be used to update your registration.  
**Required**

2. Last name ___________________________  
SUFFIX (Jr., Sr., III, IV, if applicable) ___________________________  
First name ___________________________  
Middle name ___________________________  
Former name (if your name has changed) ___________________________

**Voter identification**  
Required

3. Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy) ___________________________  
AND  
NC Driver’s License/DMV ID number ___________________________  
OR  
Last digits of your Social Security number ___________________________

**Home address**  
Provide your residential address (where you live) and your mailing address (if different).  
Your residential address is always required.  
**Required**

4. Street ___________________________  
Unit # ___________________________  
City ___________________________  
NC ___________________________  
Zip ___________________________  
County ___________________________

Have you moved in the last 30 days?  
☐ Yes  ☐ No  
If yes, date moved? (mm/dd/yyyy) ___________________________
If you receive mail at a different address or at a Post Office box, provide your regular mailing address.  
Street ___________________________  
City ___________________________  
State ___________________________  
Zip ___________________________

**Where should we send your ballot?**  
Check 1.  
**Required**

5. ☐ Your home address in section 4  
☐ Your mailing address in section 4  
☐ The address below:  
Street ___________________________  
Unit # ___________________________  
City ___________________________  
State ___________________________  
Zip ___________________________

**Accessible voting options**  
Only if applicable.

6. ☐ Due to continued or expected illness or disability, I request absentee ballots for all elections this year.  
☐ Due to blindness/visual impairment, I require an accessible ballot (Provide your email address in section 7).

**Requester’s contact information**

7. Phone ___________________________  
Email ___________________________

**Requesting ballot on behalf of voter by near relative, legal guardian, or person the voter asks to help due to disability?**  
The requester must complete and sign in this section. See instructions about who can request for a voter.

8. Requester’s Name ___________________________  
Include relationship to voter, or status as legal guardian or disability requester ___________________________
Street ___________________________  
Unit # ___________________________  
City ___________________________  
State ___________________________  
Zip ___________________________

Relative/legal guardian/disability requester, sign and date here (required if requesting on behalf of a voter)

9. ☐ Yes  ☐ No  
If yes, complete this section. See instructions about who can assist a voter.  
Voter must sign.

10. Are you a military member on active duty (including spouse/dependents) or a U.S. citizen overseas?  
Only the military or overseas voter may complete this section.

11. ☐ Uniformed Services or Merchant Marines on active duty  
☐ U.S. citizen outside the U.S. (Overseas address required)  
Overseas full address ___________________________

I want my ballot delivered to my:  
☐ Email ___________________________  
☐ Fax ___________________________  
☐ Address indicated in section 5  
☐ Overseas address provided in this section

**Voter’s signature**  
Use a pen. No electronic signatures allowed.  
**Required**

11. Voter, sign and date here (Required unless ballot requested by a near relative, legal guardian, or disability requester)  

X ___________________________  
Date (mm/dd/yyyy) ___________________________

Return form to the County Board of Elections by 5:00 pm on the Tuesday before the election. Do not email or fax.