

# Absentee Ballot Deadlines

Absentee voting (aka “mail-in voting” and “by-mail voting”) is conducted by mail-in ballot before the day of Election Day. All states will mail a ballot to voters if certain conditions are met. The voter may return the ballot in person or by mail. Some states will let voters apply for an absentee ballot in person before Election Day and then vote the ballot that same day.

- **Seventeen states require voters to provide an excuse for voting by absentee ballot.**
- **Twenty-eight states and the District of Columbia offer no-excuse absentee voting**
- **Five states have elections that are held by mail-in ballot.**
- [\*\*Absentee Ballot Rules\*\*](#)

**Absentee ballot applications must be received by the deadline, not just postmarked by the deadline.**

Check the [COVID-19 page](#) for info on any recent changes due to COVID-19.

State	Absentee Ballot Application Deadline	Voted Absentee Ballot is Due
<a href="#"><u>Alabama</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>In Person:</b> 5 days before Election Day</li><li>• <b>By Mail:</b> 5 days before Election Day</li><li>• <b>Online:</b> N/A</li></ul>	Postmarked 1 day before Election Day, received by noon on Election Day
<a href="#"><u>Alaska</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>In Person:</b> Received 10 days before Election Day.</li><li>• <b>By Mail:</b> Received 10 days before Election Day.</li><li>• <b>Online:</b> Received 10 days before Election Day.</li></ul>	Postmarked by Election Day and received 10 days after Election Day.
<a href="#"><u>Arizona</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>In Person:</b> 11 days before Election Day.</li><li>• <b>By Mail:</b> 11 days before Election Day.</li><li>• <b>Online:</b> N/A</li></ul>	Received by 7 p.m. on Election Day.
<a href="#"><u>Arkansas</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>In Person:</b> 1 day before Election Day</li><li>• <b>By Mail:</b> 7 days before Election Day</li><li>• <b>Online:</b> 7 days before Election Day</li></ul>	Received by 7:30 p.m., Election Day.
<a href="#"><u>California</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>In Person:</b> On Election Day</li><li>• <b>By Mail:</b> 7 days before Election Day</li><li>• <b>Online:</b> N/A</li></ul>	Postmarked by Election Day and received within 3 days of Election Day.
<a href="#"><u>Colorado</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>In Person:</b> N/A</li><li>• <b>By Mail:</b> Submit address change at least 8 days before Election Day.</li><li>• <b>Online:</b> N/A</li></ul>	Received by 7 p.m. on Election Day.
<a href="#"><u>Connecticut</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>In Person:</b> N/A</li><li>• <b>By Mail:</b> 1 day before Election Day. We recommend applying at 7 days before Election Day.</li><li>• <b>Online:</b> N/A</li></ul>	Received by Election Day.
<a href="#"><u>Delaware</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>In Person:</b> Received 4 days before Election Day.</li><li>• <b>By Mail:</b> Received 4 days before Election Day.</li><li>• <b>Online:</b> Received 4 days before Election Day.</li></ul>	Received by Election Day.

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<a href="#"><u>District of Columbia</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In Person:</b> N/A</li> <li>• <b>By Mail:</b> 7 days before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>Online:</b> 7 days before Election Day.</li> </ul>	Received by 8pm Election Day, or postmarked on or before Election Day and received no later than 7 days after Election Day.
<a href="#"><u>Florida</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In Person:</b> 10 day before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>By Mail:</b> 10 days before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>Online:</b> 10 day before Election Day.</li> </ul>	Received by 7 p.m. on Election Day.
<a href="#"><u>Georgia</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In Person:</b> 4 days before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>By Mail:</b> 4 days before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>Online:</b> N/A</li> </ul>	Election Day.
<a href="#"><u>Hawaii</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In Person:</b> N/A</li> <li>• <b>By Mail:</b> 7 days before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>Online:</b> N/A</li> </ul>	Received by 7 p.m. on Election Day.
<a href="#"><u>Idaho</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In Person:</b> 11 days before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>By Mail:</b> 11 days before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>Online:</b> 11 days before Election Day.</li> </ul>	Received by 8 p.m. Election Day.
<a href="#"><u>Illinois</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In Person:</b> 1 day before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>By Mail:</b> 5 days before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>Online:</b> 5 days before Election Day.</li> </ul>	Postmarked by Election Day and received by 14 days after Election Day.
<a href="#"><u>Indiana</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In Person:</b> 12 days before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>By Mail:</b> 12 days before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>Online:</b> 12 days before Election Day.</li> </ul>	Received by noon on Election Day.
<a href="#"><u>Iowa</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In Person:</b> 1 day before Election Day unless the polls open at noon. If the polls open at noon, you may cast an absentee ballot at the county auditor's office from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on election day.</li> <li>• <b>By Mail:</b> 10 days before general Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>Online:</b> N/A</li> </ul>	Postmarked one day before Election Day and received 6 days after Election Day.
<a href="#"><u>Kansas</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In Person:</b> 7 days before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>By Mail:</b> 7 days before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>Online:</b> N/A</li> </ul>	Postmarked by Election Day and received 3 days after Election Day.
<a href="#"><u>Kentucky</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In Person:</b> 7 days before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>By Mail:</b> 7 days before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>Online:</b> N/A</li> </ul>	Received by 6 p.m. Election Day.
<a href="#"><u>Louisiana</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In Person:</b> 4:30 p.m., 4 days before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>By Mail:</b> 4:30 p.m., 4 days before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>Online:</b> 4:30 p.m., 4 days before Election Day.</li> </ul>	Received by 4:30 p.m. day before voters). Election Day (hospitalized voters).
<a href="#"><u>Maine</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In Person:</b> 3 days before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>By Mail:</b> 3 days before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>Online:</b> 3 days before Election Day.</li> </ul>	Received Election Day.
<a href="#"><u>Maryland</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In Person:</b> 7 days before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>By Mail:</b> 7 days before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>Online:</b> N/A</li> </ul>	Postmarked on or before Election Day and received by 10 a.m., 10 days after Election Day.

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<a href="#"><u>Massachusetts</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In Person:</b> Noon, 1 day before Election Day, but applying at least 7 days before Election Day is recommended.</li> <li>• <b>By Mail:</b> Noon, 1 day before Election Day, but</li> <li>• <b>Online:</b> N/A</li> </ul>	Received Election Day.
<a href="#"><u>Michigan</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In Person:</b> 1 day before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>By Mail:</b> 4 days before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>Online:</b> N/A</li> </ul>	Received Election Day.
<a href="#"><u>Minnesota</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In Person:</b> 1 day before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>By Mail:</b> 1 day before Election Day, but we recommend applying at least 7 days before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>Online:</b> Received 1 day before Election Day.</li> </ul>	Postmarked by Election Day, and received up to 7 days after Election Day if mailed, or by 3pm on Election Day if delivered in person.
<a href="#"><u>Mississippi</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In Person:</b> No specific deadline.</li> <li>• <b>By Mail:</b> No specific deadline.</li> <li>• <b>Online:</b> N/A</li> </ul>	Received by 5 p.m., 1 day before (by mail); Received 3 days before Election Day (in person).
<a href="#"><u>Missouri</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In Person:</b> 1 day before Election Day</li> <li>• <b>By Mail:</b> 13 days before Election Day</li> <li>• <b>Online:</b> N/A</li> </ul>	Received Election Day.
<a href="#"><u>Montana</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In Person:</b> 1 day before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>By Mail:</b> Noon, 1 day before Election Day, but we recommend applying at least 7 days before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>Online:</b> N/A</li> </ul>	<u>Received 8 p.m. Election Day.</u>
<a href="#"><u>Nebraska</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In Person:</b> 11 days before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>By Mail:</b> 11 days before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>Online:</b> N/A</li> </ul>	Received Election Day.
<a href="#"><u>Nevada</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In Person:</b> 14 days before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>By Mail:</b> 14 days before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>Online:</b> N/A</li> </ul>	Postmarked on or before Election Day.
<a href="#"><u>New Hampshire</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In Person:</b> No specific deadline.</li> <li>• <b>By Mail:</b> No specific deadline. We recommend requesting your ballot at least 7 days before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>Online:</b> N/A</li> </ul>	Received by 5pm Election Day.
<a href="#"><u>New Jersey</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In Person:</b> 3 p.m , the day before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>By Mail:</b> 7 days before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>Online:</b> N/A</li> </ul>	Postmarked by Election Day and received within 48 hours of polls closing.

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<a href="#"><u>New Mexico</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In Person:</b> 5 days before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>By Mail:</b> 5 days before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>Online:</b> 5 days before Election Day.</li> </ul>	Received 7 p.m. Election Day.
<a href="#"><u>New York</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In Person:</b> 1 day before Election Day</li> <li>• <b>By Mail:</b> 7 days before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>Online:</b> N/A</li> </ul>	Postmarked 1 day before Election Day and received 7 days after Election Day. Voted ballots can also be turned in by hand on election day.
<a href="#"><u>North Carolina</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In Person:</b> 5 p.m. 7 days before Election Day</li> <li>• <b>By Mail:</b> 5 p.m. 7 days before Election Day</li> <li>• <b>Online:</b> N/A</li> </ul>	Postmarked by Election Day and received by 3 days after Election Day.
<a href="#"><u>North Dakota</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In Person:</b> No specific deadline.</li> <li>• <b>By Mail:</b> No specific deadline. We recommend requesting your ballot at least 7 days before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>Online:</b> No specific deadline.</li> </ul>	Postmarked 1 day before Election Day.
<a href="#"><u>Ohio</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In Person:</b> Received by noon, 3 days before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>By Mail:</b> Received by noon, 3 days before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>Online:</b> N/A</li> </ul>	Postmarked 1 day before Election Day and received 10 days after Election Day.
<a href="#"><u>Oklahoma</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In Person:</b> 6 days before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>By Mail:</b> 6 days before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>Online:</b> 6 days before Election Day.</li> </ul>	Received by 7 p.m. Election Day.
<a href="#"><u>Oregon</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In Person:</b> N/A</li> <li>• <b>By Mail:</b> Submit address change at least 5 days before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>Online:</b> N/A</li> </ul>	Received by 8pm on Election Day.
<a href="#"><u>Pennsylvania</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In Person:</b> 7 days before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>By Mail:</b> 7 days before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>Online:</b> 7 days before Election Day.</li> </ul>	Received by 8pm on Election Day.
<a href="#"><u>Rhode Island</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In Person:</b> 4 p.m., 21 days before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>By Mail:</b> 4 p.m., 21 days before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>Online:</b> N/A</li> </ul>	Received 8 p.m., Election Day.
<a href="#"><u>South Carolina</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In Person:</b> 4 days before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>By Mail:</b> 4 days before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>Online:</b> N/A</li> </ul>	Received 7 p.m., Election Day.

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<a href="#"><u>South Dakota</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In Person:</b> 1 day before Election Day, but we recommend applying at least 7 days before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>By Mail:</b> 1 day before Election Day, but we recommend applying at least 7 days before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>Online:</b> N/A</li> </ul>	Received Election Day.
<a href="#"><u>Tennessee</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In Person:</b> 7 days before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>By Mail:</b> Received 7 days before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>Online:</b> N/A</li> </ul>	Received Election Day.
<a href="#"><u>Texas</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In Person:</b> 11 days before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>By Mail:</b> 11 days before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>Online:</b> N/A</li> </ul>	Postmarked by Election Day and received by the day after Election Day.
<a href="#"><u>Utah</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In Person:</b> N/A</li> <li>• <b>By Mail:</b> Submit address change 7 days before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>Online:</b> N/A</li> </ul>	Postmarked 1 day before Election Day and received 6 days after Election Day.
<a href="#"><u>Vermont</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In Person:</b> 1 day before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>By Mail:</b> 1 day before Election Day, but we recommend applying at least 7 days before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>Online:</b> 1 day before Election Day.</li> </ul>	Received Election Day.
<a href="#"><u>Virginia</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In Person:</b> 3 days before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>By Mail:</b> 11 days before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>Online:</b> 11 days before Election Day.</li> </ul>	Postmarked by Election Day and received by noon 3 days after Election Day.
<a href="#"><u>Washington</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In Person:</b> N/A</li> <li>• <b>By Mail:</b> No specific deadline.</li> <li>• <b>Online:</b> N/A</li> </ul>	Postmarked by Election Day and received 5 days after Election Day.
<a href="#"><u>West Virginia</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In Person:</b> 6 days before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>By Mail:</b> 6 days before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>Online:</b> 7 days before Election Day.</li> </ul>	Postmarked by Election Day and received by 6 days after Election Day. (Ballots with no postmark will be counted if received by 1 day after Election Day.)
<a href="#"><u>Wisconsin</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In Person:</b> 5 days before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>By Mail:</b> 5 days before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>Online:</b> 5 days before Election Day.</li> </ul>	Received 8 p.m., Election Day.
<a href="#"><u>Wyoming</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In Person:</b> 1 day before Election Day, but we recommend applying at least 7 days before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>By Mail:</b> 1 day before Election Day, but we recommend applying at least 7 days before Election Day.</li> <li>• <b>Online:</b> N/A</li> </ul>	Received 7 p.m., Election Day.

Source: [Vote.org](#)