

ABSENTEE VOTING

WHAT IS ABSENTEE VOTING AND HOW DOES IT WORK?

- ★ Absentee voting allows you to cast your ballot without having to go to your polling place on Election Day.
- ★ Any registered voter may cast an absentee ballot.
- ★ You do not need to have a specific reason for requesting an absentee ballot.

HOW DO I GET AN ABSENTEE BALLOT?

- ★ Request a ballot online at <https://apps.web.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl>.
- ★ You may call your town or city clerk to request a ballot and they will mail one to you.
 - ① Visit <https://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/munic.html> to learn how to contact your city or town clerk.

DO I NEED TO APPLY FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR EACH ELECTION?

- ★ Yes, you must apply for an absentee ballot for each election in which you want to vote absentee.

WHEN CAN I REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT?

- ★ You may apply for an absentee ballot as early as three months before Election Day.
- ★ For the November 2022 election, absentee ballots will be available beginning **Monday, August 8, 2022**.

WHAT IS IN-PERSON ABSENTEE VOTING?

- ★ This is when you cast an absentee ballot at your town clerk's office anytime prior to Election Day.

WHAT IS THE DEADLINE TO REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT?

- ★ For the 2022 General Election, the deadline to request an absentee ballot is **5 pm on Thursday, November 3, 2022.**
- ★ However, there is an exception to this deadline for people who have special circumstances, which include having a physical disability, or where you are unable to leave home or a treatment facility due to incapacity or illness.

IS THERE ANOTHER WAY TO RECEIVE AN ABSENTEE BALLOT?

- ★ You may make a written request for a **third person** (someone other than you or an immediate family member) to obtain and hand-deliver an absentee ballot.
 - ① To learn more about special circumstances voting and how to request a third person absentee ballot, visit <https://drme.org/voting>.

WHAT IS THE DEADLINE FOR RETURNING MY ABSENTEE BALLOT?

- ★ Absentee ballots must be received by your town or city clerk by **8 pm on Election Day.**
Tip: Make sure to request an absentee ballot early enough so you have time to return it to your town or city clerk by the deadline.



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