

State of Alaska - Division of Elections

Absentee Ballot Application Instructions

You may use this application to request absentee ballots and simultaneously initially register to vote or update your voter registration record for federal and state elections. **Are you currently registered to vote?** If so, your completed application **MUST** be received at least 10 days prior to Election Day. *Military and Overseas Voters*, when requesting your ballot to be sent to you by fax or through online delivery, your application **MUST** be received no later than 5:00 p.m. Alaska Standard Time the day prior to Election Day. **Are you initially registering to vote?** If so, your completed application and any supporting documentation **MUST** be received or postmarked at least 30 DAYS prior to Election Day except, in a United States presidential election. In a presidential election, you may initially register and participate in the presidential race so long as your completed application and any supporting documentation is received 10 DAYS prior to Election Day and for *Military and Overseas Voters*, when requesting your ballot to be sent to you by fax or through online delivery, your application and any supporting documentation **MUST** be received no later than 5:00 p.m. Alaska Standard Time the day prior to Election Day.

When completing this application, provide:

1. **Alaska residence address:** You **MUST** provide a physical residence address in Alaska. Your Alaska residence address determines your voting district and precinct. Your application will be denied if you do not provide a physical residence address or if you provide a PO Box, HC Number and Box, PSC Box, Rural Route Number, Commercial Address or Mail Stop Address in Box 5 of the application.

If your residence has been assigned a street name and house number, provide this information. If your residence address has not been assigned a street name and house number, indicate exactly where you live such as, highway name and milepost number, boat harbor with pier and slip number, subdivision name with lot and block, or trailer park name and space number. If you live in rural Alaska, you may provide the community name as your residence address.

Are you temporarily out of state? If so, and you have intent to return (active military and military spouses are exempt from intent requirements), you may maintain your Alaska residence as it appears on your current record. If you provide a new residence address, it must be within Alaska.

2. **Proof of identity:** Your identity **MUST** be verified. If you have been issued a Social Security Number, an Alaska driver's license or Alaska state identification card number, you must provide at least one in Box 7 of the application. If you have never been issued one of the identification numbers, you may indicate this by checking the appropriate box.

Are you submitting this application by mail, by fax or as an attachment through e-mail? If so, and if you are not already registered to vote in Alaska, your identity must be verified either at the time you register or the first time you vote. If you would like to ensure that your identity is verified at the time you register, submit a copy of one of the following:

- Current and valid photo identification
- Passport
- Birth certificate
- Driver's license
- State identification card
- Hunting and Fishing license

If you do not provide proof of identification at the time of registration, you may be required to meet certain identification requirements when you vote.

3. **Date of birth:** If you do not provide a date of birth, your application may not be processed.
4. **Are you initially registering to vote from outside the State of Alaska?** If so, you must provide proof of Alaska residency, such as a copy of your Alaska driver's license, hunting or fishing license, student loan or college tuition documents, proof of employment in Alaska, military leave and earnings statement or other documentation that supports your claim as an Alaska resident.
5. **Have you been convicted of a felony?** If so, you may register to vote only if you have been unconditionally discharged. If available, provide a copy of your discharge papers with this application.
6. **Political affiliation:** **Recognized political parties** are parties that have gained recognized political party status under Alaska Statute. **Political groups** are groups who have applied for political party status but have not met the qualifications to be a recognized political party under Alaska Statutes. Political affiliations in Alaska are as follows:

Recognized Political Parties:

- Alaska Democratic Party
- Alaska Libertarian Party
- Alaska Republican Party
- Alaskan Independence Party

Political Groups:

- Alaska Constitution Party
- Green Party of Alaska
- Veterans Party of Alaska

Other:

- Nonpartisan (not affiliated with a political party or group)
- Undeclared (do not wish to declare a political affiliation)

7. **Primary election ballot type:** Your political affiliation 30 days before Election Day determines your primary election ballot type. You **MUST** select a ballot type that corresponds to your political affiliation in Box 9 of the application. If you are not affiliated with one of the **Recognized Political Parties** listed under instruction Number 6 above, and you do not select a ballot type, your application will not be processed for the primary election.
 - Any registered voter may select the Alaska Democratic Party, Alaska Libertarian Party and Alaskan Independence Party candidate ballot.
 - Only voters registered Republican, Nonpartisan or Undeclared may select the Alaska Republican Party candidate ballot.
 - Any registered voter may select the ballot measures ONLY ballot. This ballot has ballot measures only and no candidates.
8. **Voters who will be outside the United States or in a remote area of Alaska:** Check the box in Box 14 if you will be living, working or traveling outside the United States or in a remote area of Alaska with limited mail service and want your ballot sent to you beginning 45 days prior to a primary, general or statewide special election. **This option is not available for REAA elections.**
9. **Sign your application:** If you submit your application without a signature or with an electronic signature, it will be denied.
10. **Mail, fax or e-mail:** Submit your application by mail, fax or as an e-mail attachment (PDF, TIFF or JPG) to the office below:

Mailing Address:

Division of Elections
Absentee Voting Office
619 E. Ship Creek Ave., Suite 329
Anchorage, AK 99501-1677

Telephone Number:

1-907-375-6400

Toll Free Number:

1-877-375-6508 (within the U.S.)

Fax:

1-907-677-9943

E-Mail:

akabsentee@alaska.gov

Yup'ik Language Assistance Toll Free: 1-866-954-8683 (within the U.S.)