



# Official Ballot Return Envelope

## Drop off your ballot:

- at your county board of elections by 5 pm on November 3.
- at an early voting location in your county.

Or, mail your ballot so that it is postmarked by November 3.

**Board of Elections**  
Cabarrus County  
P.O. Box 1315  
Concord, NC 28026-1315



**First-Class  
Postage  
Required**



County Board use only

# 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).

- 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.

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

## 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.

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Name correction (if applicable):

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

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

- meet the qualifications outlined in Step 1.
- confirm 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

**Before you return your ballot, make sure:**

- Your ballot is marked and inside this envelope.
- You signed and completed Step 2.
- Your witness signed and completed Step 3.
- If an assistant helped with voting or mailing, they signed and completed the Voter Assistant Certification.
- If mailing, you have applied your postage stamp.

In the event that a second primary or runoff is called, please automatically mail me an absentee ballot for that election.

**Fraudulently or falsely completing this form is a Class I Felony under Chapter 163 of the NC General Statutes. If you have questions about completing your absentee ballot, you may call 704-920-2860**