

# COVID-19 RELATED REGISTRATION AND VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

Registering to vote and voting in person at 2020 elections may pose a health risk to some due to the COVID-19 health emergency. You may register and vote by absentee (by mail) if:

- You are ill due to COVID-19, or caring for someone with COVID-19/symptoms; or
- You are concerned that registering or voting in person will expose you or others to COVID-19.

The term “disability” in the election law extends to these circumstances. Even if you do not consider yourself a person with disability in other circumstances, this term applies for registering to vote and voting in 2020. The opportunity to register and vote absentee due to disability from COVID-19 will apply in 2020, regardless of the future development of the public health crisis. You must sign the “disability” affidavit on the forms for absentee registration and absentee voting.

## REGISTERING ABSENTEE (BY MAIL)

You may request absentee voter registration forms and instructions from your clerk before requesting an absentee ballot. Supervisors of the Checklist must review and approve your application. They are required to meet on a date 6 to 13 days before the September 8, 2020 primary and again before the November 3, 2020 general election. Unless the supervisors hold voluntary sessions before then, the supervisors will review your application at that meeting. You are registered to vote when the supervisors approve the application.

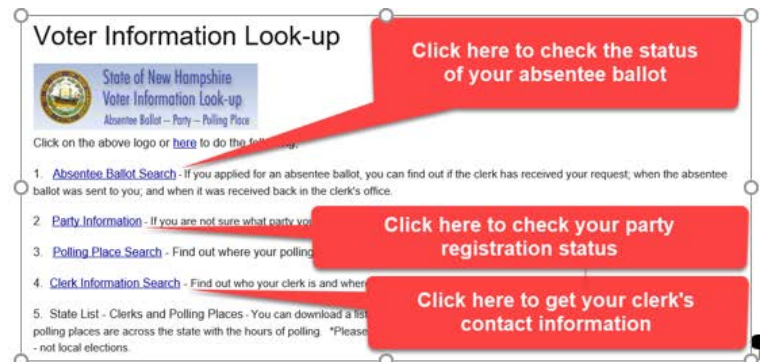
If you request an absentee ballot and are not registered, the clerk will send you both your absentee ballot and your absentee voter registration forms and instructions.

## VOTING ABSENTEE (BY MAIL)

Request your absentee ballot from your town/city clerk as early as possible. An Absentee Ballot Application can be downloaded from: <http://sos.nh.gov/ElecForms2.aspx> See below for how to obtain your Clerk’s contact information.

If you are returning your completed absentee ballot by US Mail, the clerk must receive it by 5:00 p.m. on election day. To increase the likelihood the absentee ballot arrives on time and assist with an expected high volume of absentee ballots, we recommend mailing it at least two weeks before the election. After 5 days, check the Voter Information lookup, Absentee Ballot link, to see if your clerk has received the ballot. Contact your clerk if your ballot has not been received. You may also deliver it to the clerk’s office in-person or by a delivery agent until 5:00 p.m. on the day before the election. A delivery agent may deliver it to the clerk at the polling place until 5 p.m. on election day. Family members, nursing home and elder care facility administrators, and a person assisting a voter with a disability who signs the absentee ballot affidavit (limited to delivering ballots for 4 voters) may be a delivery agent. See RSA 657:17: <http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/LXIII/657/657-17.htm>

Find your clerk’s contact information, your party membership status, or the status of your absentee ballot request here: <http://sos.nh.gov/>



## 2020 ABSENTEE VOTER REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS

You may register to vote by absentee (by mail) if one of the following is true:

- You are concerned about exposure to infection from COVID-19 or exposing others. See attached COVID-19 Related Registration and Voting Instructions;
- You will be absent from the town or city on the dates/times when the Supervisors of the Checklist meet to receive voter registration applications. The supervisors are required to meet on a date 6 to 13 days before the September 8, 2020 primary and again before the November 3, 2020 general election;
  - Absence includes an employment obligation that prevents you from attending a session of the supervisors. The term “employment” includes the care of children and infirm adults, with or without compensation.
- You cannot appear in public because of observance of a religious commitment;
- You are unable to vote in person by reason of a physical disability; or
- You are a victim of domestic violence, have an active protective order, or are participating in the Attorney General’s address confidentiality program.

**IF ANY OF THE ABOVE CIRCUMSTANCES APPLIES TO YOU, PLEASE CAREFULLY READ THESE ABSENTEE VOTER REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS.**

**STEP 1:** Follow the instructions on the application form and absentee registration affidavit. Ensure you provide all required information. Call your clerk’s office if you have any questions.

**STEP 2:** If you require assistance due to being blind or have a disability, you may have someone else assist you.

**STEP 3:** Complete and sign the Voter Registration Form.

**STEP 4:** Complete and Sign the Absentee Registration Affidavit:

Use the “disability” affidavit for COVID-19 concerns or other disability.

Use the “temporarily absent” affidavit if you will be unable to attend the supervisors’ sessions.

Have a witness observe you signing the Absentee Registration Affidavit. Have the witness sign the form.

**STEP 5:** Enclose copies of proof of identity and domicile with the completed Voter Registration Form and Absentee Registration Affidavit.

**If you are registering before applying for and receiving an absentee ballot:**

**STEP 6:** Mail the completed forms and copies of proof to your clerk.

These instructions are for applicants who are applying for absentee voter registration (registration by mail). To vote in the September 8, 2020 Primary and/or November 3, 2020 General election by absentee, submit an absentee ballot request to the clerk. The Request form is available from your clerk or on the Secretary of State’s web site. <http://sos.nh.gov/ElecForms2.aspx>.

If you are registering, have received your absentee ballot, and are returning both the absentee registration and absentee ballot in one envelope see the instructions on the back:

If you are unable to complete any of these steps, contact your clerk for assistance. You may request accommodation if you do not have access to a witness or the ability to provide copies of proof of identity and domicile.



## 2020 Absentee Ballot Requirements and Instructions

For your absentee ballot vote to be counted, please follow these steps:

**STEP 1:** You must be qualified to vote by absentee ballot for one of the reasons listed on Page 1 of these instructions, which includes concern about exposure to infection from COVID-19 or exposing others.

**STEP 2:** Fill out your ballot. Follow the instructions on the ballot. If you require assistance due to a disability, you may have someone else assist you. The person who assists a voter who has a disability must sign a statement acknowledging the assistance on either the absentee ballot application form and/or affidavit envelope (See Step 4 below).

**Important:** When filling out your ballot, completely fill in the oval to the right of your choice on the ballot. If the instructions indicate you may vote for more than one candidate for a particular office, do not vote for more than the number of candidates stated in the instructions. If you vote for more than the stated number of candidates, your vote for that office will not be counted.

**STEP 3:** Once finished marking the ballot, the voter or the person assisting the voter must place the ballot inside the smaller affidavit envelope sent to the voter with the ballot, then seal that smaller affidavit envelope. RSA 657:17

**STEP 4:** Next, the applicant must sign the affidavit printed on the outside of the affidavit envelope, unless that person receives assistance due to a disability. The signature certifies under penalty of voting fraud that you meet one of the requirements to vote absentee, RSA 657:7. If the voter is unable to sign due to disability, the person assisting the voter must instead complete the section of the application and affidavit that reads “I attest that I assisted the applicant in executing this form because he/she has a disability.”

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ RSA 657:17.

**STEP 5:** Place the completed affidavit envelope, containing the marked ballot, inside the larger envelope.

If you are not yet registered and are returning absentee voter registration forms and proof of qualifications, place those documents inside the larger envelope.

Do not place voter registration documents in the smaller affidavit envelope. Seal the larger envelope.

**STEP 6:** In the upper left corner of the larger envelope, print the voter’s name, address, and voting place. RSA 657:17. Place postage on the larger envelope and mail it to the clerk. As an alternative, the voter, or a delivery agent may personally deliver the envelope to the clerk. If delivered to the polls on election day by a delivery agent he or she will be required to present government issued photo identification or have his or her identity verified by the clerk and complete a form provided there by the clerk. RSA 657:17. Family members, nursing home and elder care facility administrators, and a person assisting a voter with a disability who signs the absentee ballot affidavit (limited to delivering ballots for 4 voters) may be a delivery agent. See RSA 657:17: <http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/LXIII/657/657-17.htm>

**The envelopes containing your absentee ballot must be received by the clerk no later than 5:00 PM on election day. RSA 657:21-a, V; 657:22.**

**NOTE:** If the voter delivers the absentee ballot, affidavit, sealed in the larger envelope in person to the clerk, the voter may voluntarily prove his or her identity using a qualified photo identification, such as a driver’s license or non-driver ID issued by any state. If the voter proves identity, the larger envelope and the Clerk’s list of absentee voters will be marked “voter verified.” If the voter’s absentee ballot is challenged on election day, the Moderator may consider this evidence that the voter’s identity was verified by the clerk when ruling on the challenge.

**Visit the Voter Look-up website:** <https://app.sos.nh.gov> after the next session of the supervisors, to verify that you have been registered. Contact your clerk if you have questions regarding the information on the Voter Look-up website. RSA 657:26.

**ABSENTEE - NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE NOTICE (RSA 654:16; 657:16)**

TOWN/CITY OF: \_\_\_\_\_

**You are not yet registered to vote.**

To register to vote without appearing before the Supervisors of the Checklist or the Town/City Clerk you must submit the following forms and **return them in the larger envelope**. I have checked the proof needed below.

You must submit proof of:         **Identity**     **Evidence of Domicile**

	<b>Form or Proof</b>	<b>Form</b>
	Voter Registration Form	
	Affidavit <b>Form</b> (Absence from Town); or	
	Affidavit <b>Form</b> (Physical Disability) for 2020 include concerns regarding COVID-19	
<b>Examples of Proof for:</b>	<b>Identity &amp; Evidence of</b>	A copy of a New Hampshire "Real ID" license showing address claimed as domicile on the Voter Registration form
	<b>Identity &amp; Evidence of</b>	A copy of a valid New Hampshire Driver's License showing address claimed as domicile on the Voter Registration Form
	<b>Identity</b>	A copy of a passport or passcard
	<b>Identity</b>	A copy of an armed services identification
	<b>Identity</b>	A copy of other photo identification issued by the United States
	<b>Identity</b>	A copy of a photo identification issued by local or state government
	<b>Identity</b>	A copy of a photo driver's license issued by any state or the federal
	<b>Evidence of Domicile</b>	A copy of: Rental agreement, lease or deed; Tax bill or similar government issued documents; Document from school showing child attending and showing domicile address; Vehicle registration showing domicile address and applicant's name; Dog license showing applicant's name and domicile address; Postal Service change of address receipt or other document showing applicant's name and domicile address.

**To registered as a voter:**

1. Properly complete the **forms** indicated above;
2. Ensure that you have signed the **forms**;
3. Ensure that a witness has signed the Absentee Registration Affidavit form;
4. Ensure that you have submitted a readable copy of some form of **proof of identity, and evidence of domicile**;

**To return a completed absentee ballot at the same time:**

5. Place the voter registration form, absentee voter registration affidavit, and proofs of identity and evidence of domicile in the larger absentee ballot mailing envelope, not in the smaller affidavit envelope, and return them with your marked ballot sealed in the smaller affidavit envelope;
6. A person assisting a blind voter or voter with a disability who needs assistance executing the affidavit on the absentee ballot affidavit envelope shall make and sign a statement on the envelope acknowledging the assistance in order to aid the moderator on election day.
7. Before sealing the larger envelope, make sure you properly complete and sign the smaller affidavit envelope.

**If you are not registered to vote and return your absentee ballot without submitting the additional forms and information described above your ballot will not be counted!**

Clerk's phone number/email \_\_\_\_\_

1. LAST NAME (including suffix if any)		FIRST NAME		FULL MIDDLE NAME		___ <b>NEW REGISTRATION</b> – I am NOT registered to vote in NH  ___ <b>TRANSFER</b> – I am registered to vote in NH and have moved my voting domicile to a new town or ward in NH.  ___ <b>NAME CHANGE</b> or <b>ADDRESS UPDATE</b> – I am registered to vote in this town/ward and have changed my name or address.
2. DOMICILE ADDRESS (Street & House (Apt.) Number )		TOWN OR CITY		City Ward	ZIP CODE	
3. MAILING ADDRESS (If different from domicile address)		TOWN OR CITY		STATE	ZIP CODE	
4. PLACE OF BIRTH (Town/City and State)		COUNTRY (If not USA)		DATE OF BIRTH		
5. a. ARE YOU A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES? YES _____ NO _____ b. IF NATURALIZED CITIZEN, GIVE NAME OF COURT WHERE NATURALIZED (Town/City and State)				DATE NATURALIZED		
6. PLACE LAST REGISTERED TO VOTE ( Street & House (Apt.) Number )		(Town or City & Ward )		( State and Zip Code)		
7. NAME UNDER WHICH PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED, IF DIFFERENT				8. PARTY AFFILIATION (if any)		
9. DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER	STATE (If not NH)	IF NO VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE, PROVIDE THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____				

**AFFIDAVIT**

My name is \_\_\_\_\_. I am today registering to vote in the city/town of \_\_\_\_\_, New Hampshire. If a city, ward number \_\_\_\_\_.

I understand that to vote in this ward/town, I must be 18 years of age, I must be a United States citizen, and I must be domiciled in this ward/town.

I understand that a person can claim only one state and one city/town as his or her domicile at a time. A domicile is that place, to which upon temporary absence, a person has the intention of returning. By registering or voting today, I am acknowledging that I am not domiciled or voting in any other state or any other city/town.

In declaring New Hampshire as my domicile, I realize that I am not qualified to vote in the state or federal elections in another state.

If I have any questions as to whether I am entitled to vote in this city/town, I am aware that a supervisor of the checklist is available to address my questions or concerns.

I acknowledge **that I have read and understand the above qualifications** for voting and do hereby swear, under the penalties for voting fraud set forth below, that I am qualified to vote in the above-stated city/town, and, if registering on election day, that I have not voted and will not vote at any other polling place this election.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Received by \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_  
SUPERVISOR OF CHECKLIST/REGISTRAR OF VOTERS



***In accordance with RSA 659:34, the penalty for knowingly or purposefully providing false information when registering to vote or voting is a class A misdemeanor with a maximum sentence of imprisonment not to exceed one year and a fine not to exceed \$2,000. Fraudulently registering to vote or voting is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$5,000.***

**ABSENTEE VOTER REGISTRATION FORM – TEMPORARILY ABSENT**

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
ABSENTEE VOTER REGISTRATION FORM  
(RSA 654:17)**



**Enabling Residents Temporarily Absent from Town (City) to Register to Vote**

**AFFIDAVIT**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby swear or affirm, under the penalties for voting fraud set forth below, the following:

1) That my legal domicile is in the town of \_\_\_\_\_, New Hampshire, I will be of the age of 18 years or over on election day and am entitled to vote in the election to be held in said town on \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_, except for the fact that my name does not appear on the checklist to be used in said town at such election;

2) That I do not intend to be present within said town at such time prior to said election as shall enable me personally to appear before the supervisors of the checklist of said town in their regular sessions for the correction of the checklist for said election;

3) That I am temporarily residing in \_\_\_\_\_  
(city and state) or (city, province and country) (zip code)

4) That I hereby enclose one of the following as proof of identity and domicile:  
(a) A copy of a current and valid New Hampshire driver’s license or an armed services identification or other photo identification issued by the United States government that shows my name and address; or  
(b) A copy of a current and valid photo identification and a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, other government document that shows my name and address, or a letter from the administrator of a nursing home or similar facility affirming that I am a resident of that facility that was provided to me at my request pursuant to the administrator’s duty to provide such a letter upon my request;

5) That I acknowledge that if I do not provide a copy of proof of identity and domicile (as required by section 4) above, this application may not be approved; and

6) That I hereby make application for the addition of my name to the checklist of said town to be used at said election.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**AFFIRMATION**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the undersigned witness, do hereby swear or affirm, under the penalties for voting fraud set forth below, that on the \_\_\_\_\_, day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_, the above-named \_\_\_\_\_ having satisfied me as to his or her identity signed the foregoing affidavit in my presence, and did before me swear to (or affirm) the truth of the statements therein contained.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**This form and the Voter Registration Form, when completed, are to be sent directly to the Town or City Clerk of your domicile.**

**ABSENTEE VOTER REGISTRATION FORM – PHYSICALLY DISABLED**

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
ABSENTEE VOTER REGISTRATION FORM  
(RSA 654:17)**



**Enabling Residents Who are Physically Disabled from Town (City) to Register of Vote**

**AFFIDAVIT**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby swear or affirm, under the penalties for voting fraud set forth below, the following:

1) That my legal domicile is in the town of \_\_\_\_\_, New Hampshire, I will be of the age of 18 years or over on election day, and am entitled to vote in the election to be held in said town on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, except for the fact that my name does not appear on the checklist to be used in said town at such election;

2) That I am unable by reason of physical disability personally to appear before the supervisors of the checklist of said town in their regular sessions for the correction of the checklist for said election;

3) That I hereby enclose one of the following as proof of identity and domicile:

(a) A copy of a current and valid New Hampshire driver’s license or an armed services identification or other photo identification issued by the United States government that shows my name and address: or

(b) A copy of a current and valid photo identification and a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, other government document that shows my name and address, or a letter from the administrator of a nursing home or similar facility affirming that I am a resident of that facility that was provided to me at my request pursuant to the administrator’s duty to provide such a letter upon my request;

4) That I acknowledge that if I do not provide a copy of proof of identify and domicile (as required by section 3) above, this application may not be approved; and

5) That I hereby make application for the addition of my name to the checklist of said town to be used at said election.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**AFFIRMATION**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the undersigned witness, do hereby swear or affirm, under the penalties for voting fraud set forth below, that on the \_\_\_\_\_, day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, the above-named \_\_\_\_\_ having satisfied me as to his or her identity signed the foregoing affidavit in my presence, and did before me swear to (or affirm) the truth of the statements therein contained.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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