

Uniform Instructions for Military & Overseas Absentee Voters (Email & Fax)



STEP 1
Print both your ballot and absentee ballot certificate you received from your municipal clerk.

STEP 2
Read and follow the instructions on your ballot.
Mistakes may prevent your votes from being counted.

STEP 3
You must vote your ballot in the presence of an adult witness:

- Mark your ballot in the presence of your witness.
- Your witness cannot tell you who or what to vote for and cannot see the choices you make on your ballot.

Who can be a witness?

- ☒ For military or overseas voters, your witness must be at least 18 years old but is not required to be a U.S. Citizen.
- ☒ A witness can be a friend, spouse, family member, neighbor, etc.

Who cannot be a witness?

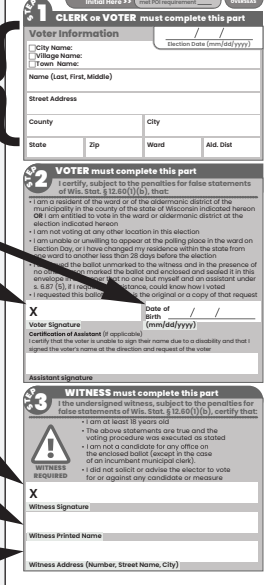
- ☒ A candidate on the ballot for this election.

If you're having trouble finding a witness or have questions about the witness requirement, please contact your municipal clerk.

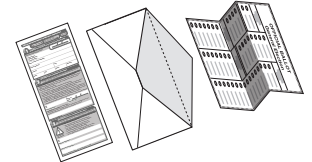
STEP 4
Fold and stuff
Fold the ballot and place it inside of a regular, non-window envelope. Return your entire ballot.
If the ballot was sent as two pages, return both pages including the page containing the municipal clerk's initials.
Seal the envelope in the presence of your witness.

STEP 5
Fill out the required sections of the absentee return envelope.

Required Elements

VOTER	
Your voter information <i>(may already be complete)</i>	
Birth Date*	
Signature	
*Military & Permanent Overseas Voters Only	
WITNESS	
Signature	
Printed Name	
Address	

STEP 6
Affix Certificate
Glue or tape the certificate form to the envelope containing the ballot.



STEP 7
Put the envelope with the certificate form attached into a larger envelope and address it to your clerk.

STEP 8
Postage
Place appropriate postage on the exterior envelope. If you are on active military duty, you can drop off your ballot at a U.S. Consulate to be returned for free.

STEP 9
Return your ballot.

- Your ballot must be received in time to be delivered to your polling place or central count location **no later than 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.**
- Mail it back. Allow enough time for it to reach its destination
- If you are unable to use public mail or parcel services, consider commercial alternatives.

Absentee ballots may not be returned by email or fax.

If any of the required information above is missing, your ballot will not be counted.

Getting Assistance

If you need help reading or filling out your ballot or absentee return envelope, you may ask for assistance from anyone who is not your employer or a representative of your labor union. **Your assistant may also serve as your witness.** Explaining how to fill out your ballot or return envelope is not "assistance."

With your absentee return envelope	With your ballot
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If someone signs your absentee return envelope on your behalf, make sure they also sign in the <i>Certification of Assistant</i> section.• Your assistant may also serve as your witness.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Your assistant must sign in the <i>Certification of Assistant</i> section.• Your assistant can read your ballot to you or fill out your ballot under your direction but cannot tell you how to vote.

Ballot Damage & Mistakes

If you make a mistake while marking your ballot or completing the return envelope, **please contact your municipal clerk.** They can also field questions about how to request a new ballot and return it if you make a mistake.

You can find their information below or by scanning the QR code.



Voter Photo ID

- If you have received your ballot, then a copy of your photo ID is already on file or you are exempt from the requirement. You do not need to provide another copy of photo ID unless instructed by your clerk.

myvote.wi.gov/en-us/
My-Municipal-Clerk

If you have any questions, please contact
your municipal clerk for assistance.

Municipal Clerk
Contact Information

(Name of Municipal Clerk)

(Name of Municipality)

Phone:

Email:

Fax:

State Election Official
Contact Information
Wisconsin Elections Commission

Help Desk: (608) 261-2028
Email: elections@wi.gov



Check absentee ballot return status, find
voter information, and more on MyVote.wi.gov