

Below is a chart that summarizes absentee ballot request requirements for each voter type:

| Type of Voter | Do they have to provide a photo ID | What elections are they eligible to vote in? | How can they request an absentee ballot? | How can they receive an absentee ballot? | How can they return an absentee ballot? | What are the deadlines for requesting an absentee ballot? |
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| Military | No | All | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FPCA • FWAB • EL-121 • Online • Email • Fax | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Person • Mail • Email • Online • Fax | By mail or in person | <p>For federal elections: Active Duty and Away from Home: 5pm on Election Day</p> <p>Not Active Duty and Away from Home: 5pm Friday before Election Day</p> <p>For non-federal elections: 5pm Friday before Election Day</p> |
| Permanent Overseas | No | Federal Only (President, Senate, and Congress) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FPCA • FWAB • EL-121 • Online • Email • Fax | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Person • Mail • Email • Online • Fax | By mail or in person | 5pm Thursday before Election Day (if they are also indefinitely confined, then the 5pm Friday before Election Day) |
| Temporary Overseas | Yes | All | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FPCA • FWAB • EL-121 • Online • Email • Fax | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Person • Mail • Email • Fax | By mail or in person | 5pm Thursday before Election Day |

Q: Since military voters who are on active duty can request a ballot for federal elections until 5pm on Election Day, does this mean that they still have to return their ballot by 8pm on Election Day?

A: Yes, all ballots must be returned by 8pm on Election Day and all ballots must be mailed back or dropped off. It is rare that a military voter would be able to return their ballot by 8pm if they request it at 5pm on the same day, but it is possible. For example, if someone in the National Guard is called into duty on Election Day, they could request a ballot and return it as they may be nearby to drop it off.

Q: Can a military or overseas voter also be indefinitely confined?

A: A voter can be both indefinitely confined and military. People with disabilities or illnesses can still be in the military. It is also possible that this may be a family member or dependent who qualifies as a military voter.