



# ABSENTEE VOTER GO-TO GUIDE

## Statewide Primaries & Runoffs

### June 11 & 25

#### Who can vote absentee?

- Only voters who have a qualifying reason can vote absentee.
- Common qualifying reasons can be:
  - Having a physical disability.
  - Being age 65 and older.
- For a full list of qualifying reasons, visit our absentee voting page on [scVOTES.gov](https://scvotes.gov).

#### Step 1: Get your application

- You can submit your request for an application as early as **January 1** of the election year.
- Call, visit, or send your request by U.S. mail to your county voter registration office.
  - You must provide your name, date of birth, and last four digits of your Social Security Number.
  - You will be mailed an application.
- Be sure to indicate on the application that you wish to receive a Runoff absentee ballot if necessary.

#### Step 2: Complete, sign, and return the application

- Return the application by U.S. mail or personal delivery to your county voter registration office as soon as possible.
- The deadline to return your application is **5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 31**.
- You will receive your absentee ballot in the mail after your application is returned.

#### Step 3: Return your absentee ballot

- Return your ballot to your county voter registration office or an early voting center either by mail or personal delivery.
- You must present a Photo ID when returning the ballot in person.

- Acceptable Photo IDs include:
  - Driver's license issued by a state within the United States.
  - Another form of photo ID issued by the DMV or its equivalent by a state within the United States.
  - US Passport.
  - Military photo ID issued by the federal government.
  - South Carolina voter registration card containing a photograph of the voter.
- Place the ballot in the "ballot here-in" envelope and place the "ballot here-in" envelope in the return envelope.
  - Be sure to sign the voter's oath and have your signature witnessed.
  - Anyone age 18 or older can witness your signature. A notary is not necessary.
- Ballots must be received by your county voter registration office by **7:00 p.m. on Election Day**.
- Ballots returned by mail should be mailed no later than **one week prior to election day** to help ensure timely delivery.
- Visit [scVOTES.gov](https://scvotes.gov) to find information about how immediate family members and authorized representatives can make an absentee request or return a ballot for another person. All requestors are limited to five requests in addition to their own per election.

#### How can I track the status of my absentee request?

- Check the status of your absentee request and track your ballot online at [scVOTES.gov](https://scvotes.gov). You can also contact your county voter registration office for updates regarding your absentee ballot.

#### Military and Overseas Citizens

- Special provisions are available for military and overseas citizens.
- Go to [scVOTES.gov](https://scvotes.gov) or [FVAP.gov](https://fvap.gov) for more information.

Find results & stay up to date on all election information at [scVOTES.gov](https://scvotes.gov).

Follow us on



every vote matters.  
every vote counts.

SOUTH CAROLINA  
ELECTION COMMISSION