# Uniform Instructions for Military & Overseas Absentee Voters (Mail)





Read and follow the instructions on your ballot.

Mistakes may prevent your votes from being counted.





## 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.
- $\ensuremath{\square}$  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.



Refold your voted ballot and place it inside of the return envelope.





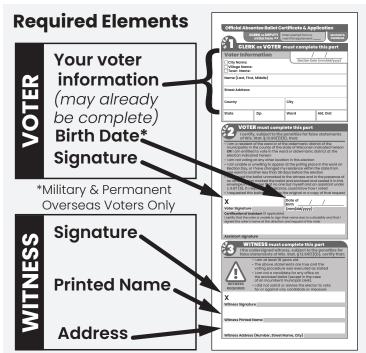
Seal the envelope in the presence of your witness.



Make sure your envelope is completely sealed



Fill out the required sections of the absentee return envelope.



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.

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

- If someone signs your absentee return envelope on your behalf, make sure they also sign in the Certification of Assistant section.
- Your assistant may also serve as your witness.

#### With your ballot

- Your assistant must sign in the Certification of Assistant 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.



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

Municipal Clerk Contact Information	State Election Official Contact Information Wisconsin Elections Commission
(Name of Municipal Clerk)	Help Desk: (608) 261-2028 Email: elections@wi.gov
(Name of Municipality)	
Phone:	Myste
Email:	Check absentee ballot return status, find
Fax:	voter information, and more on MyVote.wi.gov

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