



Absentee Voter Application Instructions

Who is an Absentee Voter?

Any qualified voter who is unable to vote on Election Day or on a day on which an advance poll takes place.

When Do You Apply?

After an election is called, but at least eight days before Election Day. You must apply directly to the Returning Officer in the constituency in which your ordinary residence is located or to the Chief Electoral Officer (see back of brochure for contact information).

Addresses for Returning Offices will be published in all local newspapers, posted on the Elections Saskatchewan Web site (www.elections.sk.ca), or may be obtained by contacting Elections Saskatchewan. An Absentee Ballot Kit will be sent to you after your application is processed.

How Does an Absentee Voter Vote?

An absentee voter marks the ballot paper by writing, in the blank space provided, the name or political affiliation of the candidate for whom the voter intends to vote. The marked ballot is then returned to the Returning Officer of the voter's constituency.

A series of envelopes is used to protect the secrecy of the vote. The envelopes are accompanied by a declaration that certifies the voter is eligible to vote, and has not voted nor will vote a second time.

Some Definitions . . .

Advance Poll – A period of five days before Election Day enabling voters, unable to vote on Election Day, to cast a ballot.

Constituency – Defines the region an elected candidate represents. There are 58 constituencies in Saskatchewan. Check with your Returning Officer or Elections Saskatchewan to find out what constituency you are entitled to vote in. Maps are also available on the Elections Saskatchewan Web site (www.elections.sk.ca).

Ordinary Residence – The term ordinary residence is defined by *The Election Act*. That means the place where the voter "has established habitation" which, when the person is absent from it, the person intends to return.

Qualified Voter – To be a qualified voter in Saskatchewan a person must:

- ✓ be 18 years old on or before Election Day;
- ✓ be a Canadian citizen on or before Election Day, or be a British subject who was qualified as a voter on June 23, 1971;
- ✓ on the day on which the writ for that election was issued:
 - have ordinarily resided in Saskatchewan for at least six months immediately preceding that day; and
 - be ordinarily resident in the constituency in which he or she seeks to vote.

Required Identification – Identification documents that confirm your identity and place of ordinary residence (i.e., driver's license, senior citizen card, utility bill, taxation bill, etc.).

Returning Officer – A resident voter appointed to conduct an election in a constituency.

Completing the Application

The application form consists of three parts. The individual wishing to be considered an absentee voter must complete all three parts.

Part I is the application portion, which sets out the name, ordinary residential address and mailing address of the applicant (if different).

Part II sets out the address where the Absentee Ballot Kit is to be forwarded if different than the address in Part I.

Part III is the declaration of voter confirming the eligibility of the applicant as a voter.

This application must be accompanied with a copy of your identification documents in order to be processed by the Returning Officer.

Deadline

The Constituency Returning Officer or Chief Electoral Officer must receive your completed application and a copy of your identification documents **no later than eight days before Election Day**.

An absentee voter application and declaration may also be made by facsimile or other means of electronic transmission provided that the signature on the application is graphically represented (see back for contact information).



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If you do not know which constituency that you live in check the Elections Saskatchewan Web site at www.elections.sk.ca or call Elections Saskatchewan.
(see back of brochure for contact information)

Part I Application

This is who you are.

This is your information.

This is your ordinary residential address.

This information may be useful for us to reach you if the documents that you send us are incomplete.

This is your mailing address. *(complete only if different than your ordinary residential address)*

Part II Temporary Address

If you are an absentee voter because you are temporarily absent from your ordinary residence, enter here the address where the Absentee Ballot Kit is to be mailed.
(leave blank if you want your Absentee Ballot Kit to be sent to your ordinary residential address)

If this application is made from outside of Saskatchewan, indicate the date you left the province.

Part III Declaration of Voter

You must attach a **copy of your identification documents**. *(do not send originals)*

Acceptable identification is:

- ✓ one document showing your name, ordinary residential address and signature, or
- ✓ two documents:
 - one that bears your name and signature;
 - one that bears your name and your ordinary residential address.

IMPORTANT

YOUR APPLICATION WILL NOT BE PROCESSED UNLESS IT IS ACCOMPANIED BY A COPY OF YOUR IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS.



Absentee Voter Application

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The Election Act, 1996
Section 87
(rev. 2005)

To: The Returning Officer, Constituency of _____

Part I Application

I hereby apply to vote at the election now pending as provided in sections 86 to 89, inclusive, of *The Election Act, 1996*.

First Name (e.g., "Mary")	Middle Name or Initial (e.g., "Alice" or "A")	Last Name (e.g., "Smith")
<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Date of Birth (yyyy/mm/dd) (e.g., 1960/12/29)	Occupation (e.g., labourer)

Ordinary Residential Address (on the day the writ was issued)

Number & Street (e.g., 123 Main Street)	Apartment/Unit (e.g., Apt. 4 or Unit 4)	or Land Location (e.g., NE20-16-19 W3M)
, Saskatchewan		
City, Town or Village (e.g., Ile-a-la-Crosse)	Postal Code (e.g., S4N 6B2)	
Telephone: () _____	/ Business: () _____	/ Cell: () _____
Facsimile: () _____	/ e-mail Address: _____	

Mailing Address (if different than ordinary residential address given above)

Number & Street or Post Office Box (e.g., 123 Main Street or P.O. Box 123)	Apartment/Unit (e.g., Apt. 4 or Unit 4)
, Saskatchewan	
City, Town or Village (e.g., Ile-a-la-Crosse)	Postal Code (e.g., S4N 6B2)

I do not wish my information to be included in the Saskatchewan Permanent Register of Eligible Electors

Part II Temporary Address (where Absentee Ballot Kit is to be sent, if different from above)

Number & Street (e.g., 123 Main Street)	Apartment/Unit (e.g., Apt. 4 or Unit 4)	or Post Office Box (e.g., P.O. Box 123)
City, Town or Village (e.g., Ile-a-la-Crosse)	Province/State	Country
Postal Code (e.g., S4N 6B2)		
Telephone: () _____	/ Business: () _____	/ Cell: () _____
Facsimile: () _____	/ e-mail Address: _____	

Date you left Saskatchewan: _____
(yyyy/mm/dd) (e.g., 2004/10/23)

Part III Declaration of Voter

- I am the full age of 18 years or will attain the full age of 18 years on or before Election Day;
- I am a Canadian citizen or a British subject who was qualified as a voter on June 23, 1971;
- I have ordinarily resided in Saskatchewan for at least six months immediately preceding the day the writ was issued;
- I was ordinarily resident in the above-mentioned constituency on the day the writ was issued;
- I am not disqualified pursuant to section 17 of *The Election Act, 1996* to vote at this election;
- I am unable to vote at an advance poll or on Election Day in the constituency in which I am an ordinary resident; and
- I have not already voted at this election.

I understand that upon issuance of an Absentee Ballot Kit under the absentee voters provisions, I will be deemed to have voted.

I make this solemn declaration conscientiously, believing it to be true and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the *Canada Evidence Act*.

Signature of Applicant/Voter _____ Date _____



Contact Information



Elections Saskatchewan

1702 Park Street
Regina, Saskatchewan
S4N 6B2

Telephone: (306) 787-4000 (collect calls accepted)
Toll Free Telephone: 1-877-958-8683 (Canada and U.S.A.)

Facsimile: (306) 787-4052
Toll Free Facsimile: 1-866-678-4052 (Canada and U.S.A.)

Web site: www.elections.sk.ca
e-mail: info:@elections.sk.ca

A handwritten copy or a photocopy of this document may be made.
This form is also available at the Elections Saskatchewan Web site: www.elections.sk.ca
