



Absentee Voters' Guide

If you are travelling or will be temporarily absent from your ordinary residence and are unable to vote on Election Day or at the advance poll, consider casting an absentee ballot.

Am I eligible to be an absentee voter?

Section 16 of *The Election Act, 1996* states that you can vote in the Provincial General Election if you:

- Are a Canadian Citizen;**
- Are at least 18 years of age on Election Day;**

- **Have lived in Saskatchewan for at least six months immediately preceding the day the election is called.**

Or if

- **You are a British subject who was qualified as a voter on June 23, 1971; and**
- **You meet the residency requirements listed above. If you meet this criteria but will be away during the election, you may qualify as an absentee voter.**

Individuals who may want to vote by absentee ballot include:

- **Students who are away at school;**
- **Individuals working out of province;**
- **Anyone temporarily residing in a different constituency for work or personal reasons;**

- **Individuals who are currently travelling out of the province/country;**
- **Anyone who believes they will be unable to vote at the advance or regular poll.**

For more information, call or visit our website.

How do I apply for an absentee ballot?

You may request an Absentee Voter Application Form (E-127A) from your constituency Returning Officer or directly from Elections Saskatchewan.

To find your constituency Returning Officer, please visit our website, or contact Elections Saskatchewan.

You can also download an application at www.elections.sk.ca.

What do I need to vote by absentee ballot?

Information required on the application includes name, ordinary residential address, mailing address, address where the Absentee Ballot Kit is to be sent, and declaration confirming eligibility.

The application must be accompanied by a copy of documents confirming your name, place of ordinary residence and your signature (i.e. driver's license, senior citizen card, utility bill, taxation bill, etc.).

Your signature must be clearly visible on your application.

For a full list of ID and detailed information, please call or visit our website.

When do I apply to vote as an absentee voter?

Timing is important.

Your Absentee Voter Application Form (E-127A) must be received by Elections

Saskatchewan no later than October 31, 2011.

The Absentee Voting Process

After your application has been approved, you will receive an Absentee Voter Ballot Kit, which includes your ballot paper.

You must mark the ballot paper by writing in the provided blank space the name or political affiliation of the candidate for whom you intend to vote.

Your marked ballot is then returned to your constituency Returning Officer.

If you elect to mail in your ballot, it must be post marked before the close of polls on Election Day and be received no later than November 17, 2011.

Once you have received an Absentee Voter Ballot Kit you may only vote by absentee ballot. You will be unable to vote at the regular or advance polls.

Temporary absences of less than five years will not affect your Saskatchewan residency as long as you intend to return to the province.

This Provincial General Election, show up and vote.

Encourage your friends and family to vote too.

It's an important part of being a citizen of Saskatchewan.

Questions?

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On November 7, 2011, Your Vote Counts