

11/3/2020 STATE GENERAL ELECTION ABSENTEE BALLOT (“AB”) FAQ

Track your Ballot: <https://app.sos.nh.gov/Public/AbsenteeBallot.aspx>

Q. I would like to vote by Absentee Ballot, how can I? What is the process?

Complete, sign and return an Absentee Ballot (“AB”) Request Form to/from the Town Clerk’s Office. You can obtain an AB Request form any one of the following ways:

- Download and print the form from the Town Clerk web page: [2020 Federal/State Absentee Ballot Request App](#) (pdf)
- Pick one up in-person at the Town Clerk’s Office
- Call the Town Clerk Office and request one to be mailed

Q. Can I pick up an Absentee Ballot Request Form for a friend or family member?

Yes. ID is NOT required to obtain the AB Request Form.

Q. Which box do I check in Section 1 of the AB Request Form? Both sound like they apply.

If you are currently a registered voter in Atkinson, check ONLY the 1st of the two boxes.

<p>I. I hereby declare that (check one):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I am a duly qualified voter who is currently registered to vote in this town/ward.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I am absent from the town/city where I am domiciled and will be until after the next election, or I am unable to register in person due to a disability or concern for the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), and request that the forms necessary for absentee voter registration be sent to me with the absentee ballot.</p>
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If you ARE NOT currently registered to vote in Atkinson, check only the 2nd of the two boxes.

<p>I. I hereby declare that (check one):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I am a duly qualified voter who is currently registered to vote in this town/ward.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I am absent from the town/city where I am domiciled and will be until after the next election, or I am unable to register in person due to a disability or concern for the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), and request that the forms necessary for absentee voter registration be sent to me with the absentee ballot.</p>
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Q. I’ve completed and signed my AB Request form. Now what?

Once the form is completed and signed, you need to return it to the Town Clerk Office one of the following ways:

- USPS mail
- eMail a scanned copy of your completed AB Form to: TownClerkOffice@atkinson-nh.gov. (We DO NOT require the original form. However, electronic signatures are not acceptable. Be sure to provide a “wet signature”.)
- You or anyone you know can drop off your completed AB Request form in person to the Town Clerk’s Office. Again, no identification is required to request an Absentee Ballot.

Q. How can I expect to receive my Absentee Ballot?

We mail it USPS to the mailing address provided on the AB Request form or you can pick one up in person at the Town Clerk’s Office.

Q. Can I come in to pick up my ballot?

We are happy to provide in-person, pick-up and delivery of Absentee Ballots at the Town Hall.

Q. I received my Absentee Ballot. Now what?

Once you receive your ballot, please follow the instructions in the envelope.

The most IMPORTANT instruction is to be sure to sign the Affidavit envelope included with your ballot and seal your completed ballot INSIDE the Affidavit envelope.

Q. What can I use to complete my ballot? Pen? Pencil? What color?

Black or Blue ink pen. Pencil can work for AB's too. **Do not use RED or GREEN ink.**

Q. The Affidavit Envelope asks for a "WARD"?

Leave that blank. Atkinson **DOES NOT** have a ward.

Q. How do I return my Absentee Ballot?

➤ You can mail your AB back to the Town Clerk's office via USPS.

Or

➤ You can walk your ballot into the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours.

Q. Can someone else return my completed AB to the Town Clerk's Office?

ONLY immediate family or someone who qualifies under the "caregiver" definition can return someone else's ballot. That "Delivery Agent" will need to complete an AB Return form upon delivery. This form is located on the Town Clerk website found here: [Absentee Ballot Return Form](#) if you would like to complete it in advance of coming to the Office.

Q. Can I request an Absentee Ballot then change my mind to vote in person on November 3rd?

- Yes. If we have not yet cast your Absentee Ballot on November 3rd. We will begin casting AB's at 8:00am on Tuesday, 11/3. Once cast, you will not be allowed to vote in-person at the polls.
- If you never return your Absentee Ballot, then you can absolutely vote at the polls on 11/3.

Q. When is the deadline for me to return my Absentee Ballot?

Absentee Ballots will be accepted until 5:00pm on Election Day, November 3rd.

Q. When is the deadline for me to REQUEST an Absentee Ballot?

- 5pm on Monday, November 2nd, at the Town Clerk's Office.

Any questions, please email or call our office at 603-362-4920.