



CEO Order

ORDER No.	CEO ORDER 2022-001
Date	January 18, 2022
Date Revised	N/App
Subject	Adjusting the Absentee Voter Application Deadline
Reference	Section 87 of <i>The Election Act, 1996</i>
Intent	To adjust the absentee voter application deadline from 9 days before polling day to 13 days before polling day

The Chief Electoral Officer has the authority, under section 7 of *The Election Act, 1996* (the Act) and section 2 of *The Election Act Regulations* (the Regulations) to declare that an emergency exists and that the Act does not provide adequate provision to respond to the emergency. These declarations are made through CEO Orders.

The Chief Electoral Officer hereby declares that pursuant to section 7(1)(c) of the Act and 2(2)(a)(ii) of the Regulations an emergency exists for which no adequate provision is made by the Act to abridge the deadline for receiving absentee voter applications under section 87(2)(a) and 87(2)(b) of the Act from nine days before polling day to thirteen days before polling day to ensure there is sufficient time to process an increased volume of absentee voter applications in light of the emergency and comply with sections 87(4) and 88 of the Act.

Therefore, the Chief Electoral Officer hereby orders that a measure be taken to amend the absentee voter application deadline from nine days before polling day (Sunday, February 6) to thirteen days before polling day (Wednesday, February 2).

This order is in effect for the constituency of Athabasca by-election, scheduled to be held on Tuesday, February 15, 2022.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Michael D. Boda'.

DR. MICHAEL BODA
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER
PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN
JANUARY 18, 2022