

# Absentee Voter Application

## Who is an Absentee Voter?

Any qualified voter who is unable to vote on election day or on a day when advance polling takes place.

**Qualified Voter** – To vote in the election, you must:

- ✓ Be a Canadian citizen on or before election day, or be a British subject who was qualified as a voter on June 23, 1971;
- ✓ Be at least 18 years old;
- ✓ Have lived in Saskatchewan for at least the six months before the day the election is called; and
- ✓ Be ordinarily a resident in the constituency on the day the election is called.

**Ordinary Residence** – Under Section 18 of *The Election Act, 1996* ordinary residence means the place where the voter “has established habitation” which, when the person is absent from it, the person intends to return.

## When Can I Apply?

A qualified voter may apply for an absentee ballot as soon as the application is made available, but **no later than nine 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.

Addresses for returning offices will be posted on the Elections Saskatchewan website ([www.elections.sk.ca/returningoffices](http://www.elections.sk.ca/returningoffices)) once the writ is dropped. If you are applying before the writ is dropped, please mail, email or fax your application to:

Mail:	Email:
<b>Elections Saskatchewan</b>	<b>absenteeballots@elections.sk.ca</b>
<b>#301-3303 Hillsdale Street</b>	Toll Free Fax:
<b>Regina, SK S4S 6W9</b>	<b>1-866-678-4052</b>

Legislation states that we can send out the Absentee Ballot Kit as soon as the writ of election is called. This means that your Absentee Ballot Kit will be sent to you when the writ is dropped.

## How Does an Absentee Voter Vote?

Once you receive your Absentee Ballot Kit in the mail, an absentee voter marks the ballot paper provided by writing in the blank space the name or political affiliation of the candidate for whom the voter intends to vote. The marked ballot is then returned to the returning office in the voter's constituency to be held until the final count.

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.

**If you do not know the name of the constituency in which you reside, refer to the Elections Saskatchewan website at [www.elections.sk.ca](http://www.elections.sk.ca) or call 1-877-958-8683.**

## Completing the Application

The application form consists of three parts. All three parts must be completed.

**Part I** the application portion, includes your name, ordinary residential address and mailing address of the applicant (if different from ordinary residential address).

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

**Part III** is the declaration of the voter confirming that they are an eligible voter.

## IMPORTANT

**Your application will not be processed unless it is accompanied by a copy of your identification documents.**

**See back of this page for list of acceptable identification.**

### Deadline

The returning officer or Chief Electoral Officer must receive your completed application and a copy of your identification documents **no later than nine 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.

# Identification Requirements and Contact Information

You have two options:

**You must** attach a copy of one original piece of identification with your photo, name and residential address. It must be issued by a government agency.

Example: **driver's licence**

OR

**You must** attach photocopies of two original pieces of authorized identification. Both pieces must have your name and one must also have your address.

Example: **health card and power bill**

## Acceptable ID Options

The address on your identification must match the address you have listed on the application as your ordinary residential address.

Proof of Identity	Proof of Address
Birth Certificate	Admission Form (Shelter, Student, Seniors Residence)
Canada Border Services Agency ID	Attestation of Residence
Canadian Blood Services Donor Card	Bank Statement
Canadian Forces ID	Blank Cheque with the Voter's Name
Canadian Passport	Certificate of Title
CATSA ID	Cheque (Government, Municipality, School Division, Indian Band)
CIC Citizenship Card	Credit Card Statement
CNIB ID Card	Crop Insurance Statement
Credit Card	Court Document
Debit Card	Employer Paycheque
Driver's Licence (Saskatchewan)	Government Benefits Statement (Employment Insurance, OAS, Social Assistance, Disability Support, Child Tax Benefit, Workers' Compensation)
Firearms Possession Licence	Income Tax Assessment
Fishing, Trapping, Hunting Licence	Insurance Policy
Government Employee Card	Letter of Authorization from a First Nations Band
Health Card (Saskatchewan)	Letter of Stay (Shelter, Student, Seniors Residence)
Hospital Bracelet	Mortgage or Lease Statement
Indian Status Card	Pension Statement
Métis Nation Status Card	Post-Secondary Mail
Old Age Security (OAS) Card	Property Tax Assessment
Other ID (Government, Municipality, School Division, Indian Band)	Public Guardian or Trustee Letter
Pleasure Craft Operators Licence	Utility Bill (telephone, power, cable)
Parole Card	Vehicle Registration
Passport of a Foreign State	Voter Information Card from a Saskatchewan Municipality
Radio Operator Card	
Social Insurance Card	
Student Card from Post-Secondary Institution	
Union ID	
Veterans Affairs Health Card	
Voter Information Card	
Wildlife Certificate	



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**Regina, SK S4S 6W9**

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A handwritten copy or a photocopy of this document may be made.

This form is also available at:  
[www.elections.sk.ca](http://www.elections.sk.ca)



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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)
Gender	Date of Birth (yyyy/mm/dd) (e.g., 1960/12/23)	
Male      Female      Other	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., NE 20-16-10 W3M)
_____, Saskatchewan _____		Postal Code (e.g., S6H7C4)
City, Town or Village (e.g., Moose Jaw)		
Telephone: (    ) _____ / Business: (    ) _____ / Cell: (    ) _____	Facsimile: (    ) _____ / Email 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., Moose Jaw)      Postal Code (e.g., S6H4N8)	

## 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)	City, Town or Village (e.g., Phoenix)
Province/State (e.g., Arizona)	Country (e.g., USA)	Postal/Zip Code (e.g., 90210)
Telephone: (    ) _____ / Business: (    ) _____ / Cell: (    ) _____		
Facsimile: (    ) _____ / Email Address: _____		

**Date you left Saskatchewan:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date returning to Saskatchewan:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 (yyyy mm/dd) (e.g., 2011/10/23) (yyyy/mm/dd)

## 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 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 (yyyy/mm/dd)
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