

Changes have occurred in the qualification rules for Saskatchewan voters in a Correctional Institutions. It is now possible for these residents to vote through the Absentee Voting process provided that they are qualified voters.

You are entitled to vote in a Saskatchewan Election if you were a Qualified Voter in Saskatchewan prior to your incarceration and have not been in a Correctional Institution outside the province of Saskatchewan for five or more years.

Make sure your voice is heard in our next provincial election.



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**Voters in
Correctional
Institutions**

A qualified voter in a Correctional Institution may apply to vote as an Absentee Voter.



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How Do You Apply?

1) Choose the polling division to which you belong:

You must choose **either**

the polling division, if any, where your ordinary residence was located before being sent to a correctional facility

or

a polling division, if any, where your spouse, parent or dependent is ordinarily resident.

2) Complete the application

The application must include your name, the address of the residence chosen above, the address of the Correctional Institution where the Absentee Ballot Kit must be sent, and a declaration confirming your eligibility to vote including a copy of your identification documents (documents that bear your name, the place of the ordinary residence above and signature; for example, driver's license, utility bill, taxation bill, etc. In the absence of any other document, a letter from the correctional institution's authorities confirming all of your identification details will be acceptable).

When Do You Apply?

Timing is Important!

You must apply after an election has been called but no later than eight days before Election Day.

Your Province. Your Vote.

How Do I Get An Application Form?

You may request an Absentee Voter Application Form from either a Returning Officer, the Chief Electoral Officer, or download it from our Web site at www.elections.sk.ca. For the residents of a provincial correctional institution in Saskatchewan, application forms are also available from the institution's authorities.

Who Cannot Vote?

You cannot vote if you have been convicted of a corrupt practice under *The Election Act, 1996*, within the previous five years.

Residents of correctional institutions who were Qualified Voter in Saskatchewan but have been incarcerated out of the province of Saskatchewan for five or more years cannot vote.

Out of province residents that have been incarcerated in a Saskatchewan Correctional Institution do not acquire ordinary residence in Saskatchewan and cannot vote.

The Process

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

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

Your marked ballot is then returned by registered mail to the constituency Returning Officer. It must be post marked before the close of polls on Election Day and must be received no later than the tenth day following Election Day.

A series of envelopes is used to protect the secrecy of the vote. The envelopes are accompanied by a declaration that certifies that you are eligible to vote in the election, have not already voted nor will attempt to vote a second time.

Questions?
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