

Serving away from home with the Canadian Armed Forces does not affect your right to vote in Saskatchewan provincial elections. Members of the Canadian armed forces who are serving away from their ordinary residence and are eligible Saskatchewan voters may qualify to vote by absentee ballot. If you fit this description, consider applying to vote as an absentee voter.

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



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Voters who are members of the Canadian Armed Forces

As a member of the Canadian Armed Forces, you may be unable to vote at an advance poll or on Election Day. If so, consider casting an absentee ballot.



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How do I know if I can vote?

Section 16 of *The Election Act, 1996* states that you can vote if on Election Day you

- Are a Canadian Citizen;
- Are at least 18 years of age;

And if you on the day the election is called you

- Have lived in Saskatchewan for at least six months immediately preceding that day.

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 these criteria but will be away during the election, you may qualify as an absentee voter.

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 8 days before Election Day.



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How do I apply to be an absentee voter?

When an election is called, the Judge Advocate General's Office will provide you with the deadline for absentee ballot requests and information about how to download an Absentee Voter Application Form (E-127A) from our Web site. You may also request an Absentee Ballot Application Form from the Returning Officer in the constituency in which your ordinary residence is located or from the Chief Electoral Officer.

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, passport, utility bill, taxation bill, etc.)

After completing the application, submit it with your identification documents, to the constituency returning officer or the Chief Electoral Officer **no later than 8 days before Election Day**. This may be done by mail, facsimile or other electronic transmission that must include the applicant's signature in a graphical representation.

The 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 blank space provided 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. It must be **post marked before the close of polls on Election Day** and be received no later than the **tenth day following Election Day**.

A series of envelopes is used to protect the secrecy of your vote. The envelopes are accompanied by a declaration that certifies that you are eligible to vote in this election, have not already voted, and will not attempt to vote a second time.

