

WHAT PENNSYLVANIA VOTERS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CIVILIAN ABSENTEE BALLOTS



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Primary Election Day is April 26, 2016

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Suggested deadline to mail absentee ballot application (out of state)

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Suggested deadline to mail absentee ballot application (in state)

Suggested deadline to mail voted absentee ballot (out of state)

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Deadline for county to receive absentee application

Suggested deadline to mail voted absentee ballot (in state)

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Deadline for county to receive voted absentee ballot

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Primary Election Day

Absentee ballot applications and voted ballots must be submitted to and **received** by the county board of elections office by 5:00 p.m. on the day of the deadline. **Postmarks do not mean "received."**

The United States Postal Service established the following service standards for mail delivered to Pennsylvania. Voters should mail their absentee ballot materials early and be prepared for the possibility of delivery delays beyond these standards:

- Mail sent from in-state: two days (plus possibility of delay)
- Mail sent from out-of-state: three to five days (plus possibility of delay)

To avoid any problems caused by unforeseen delays in delivery, voters should submit their absentee ballot requests and voted absentee ballots well in advance of the suggested deadlines above.



ABSENTEE VOTING

You may vote absentee before Election Day if you cannot appear to vote at your polling place on Election Day. You must have a reason or excuse.

Who can vote an absentee ballot?

1) Voters who are away from their municipality because of:

- business, duties or occupation
- leave of absence or sabbatical leave
- vacation
- college student living at school

2) Voters who who cannot go to the polling place because of:

- illness or disability
- veterans who are bedridden or hospitalized
- observance of a religious holiday
- election duties

3) Voters who are:

- outside of the United States because of business and their accompanying spouses and dependents
- serving in the armed forces or Merchant Marine

Go to votesPA.com for more information about absentee voting

How do I request an absentee ballot?

1) You can request an absentee ballot by:

- submitting an absentee ballot request form (by mail or in person). You can download an application form from votesPA.com/absentee
- sending a letter to the county board of elections in the county in which you are registered

2) Print, complete, sign and deliver or mail the application to your local county election office. The address and telephone number for your local county elections and voter registration office may be found using the *County Information Link* at votesPA.com/county.

