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Who can vote by mail?

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| Blind, Visually Impaired or Disabled Voters | + |
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How to Vote by Mail in Rhode Island

STEP
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Apply For A Mail Ballot

- Download the mail ballot application or contact your local board of canvassers (/Elections/LocalBoards) to request one.
- Primary Mail Ballot Application – Due on August 18, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. (/Content/Pdfs/Primary Mail Ballot Application 9-8-2020.pdf)
- General Election Mail Ballot Application – Due on October 13, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. (/Content/Pdfs/General Mail Ballot Application 11-3-2020.pdf)
- Submit your mail ballot application to your local board of canvassers (/Elections/LocalBoards).
- The local board of canvassers will review your application and compare your signature with the signature on your voter record.

Mail Ballot Application
General Election - November 3, 2020



→ To receive a mail ballot, you must complete and submit this application to your local board of canvassers by:
Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

View your voter information or track your ballot at vote.ri.gov

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| Box A Voter information | Box B Address where your mail ballot is to be sent <small>Complete if different from your Box A address</small> |
| Full Name of Voter _____ | Name of Institution (if applicable) _____ |
| Home Address (where you are registered to vote) _____ | Address _____ |
| City/Town _____ RI _____ | Address _____ |
| State _____ Zip Code _____ | City/Town _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ |
| Date of Birth _____ Phone Number _____ | City/Town _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ |
| Email Address _____ | Fax Number (if applicable for Box C, Category 3) _____ |

Box C **Mail ballot categories (Choose one):**

I certify that I am eligible for a mail ballot on the following basis:

- 1. I am incapacitated to such an extent that it would be an undue hardship to vote at the polls because of illness, mental or physical disability, blindness or a serious impairment of mobility. I want my mail ballot to be sent to the address listed in Box A **or** Box B.
- 2. I am confined in a hospital, convalescent home, nursing home, rest home, or similar institution within the State of Rhode Island. I understand that my ballot will be brought to me by a bipartisan pair of election officials from the State Board of Elections before election day at the facility listed in Box B.
- 3. I am employed or in service intimately connected with military operations or because I am a spouse or dependent of such person, or I am a United States citizen who will be outside the United States. If Box B is not complete, my mail ballot will be mailed to my local board of canvassers. Please clearly print an email address where you can be contacted regarding your ballot status: _____
- 4. I may not be able to vote at my polling place in my city/town on the day of the election. I want my mail ballot to be sent to the address listed in Box A **or** Box B. If you request that your ballot be sent to your local board of canvassers, please indicate the address in Box B.

Box D **Oath of voter and signature**

- I declare that all of the information I have provided on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
- I am a qualified registered voter and the requester of a mail ballot.
- I further state that I am not a qualified voter of any other city, town or state and have not claimed and do not intend to claim the right to vote in any other city/town or state.
- If unable to sign name because of physical incapacity or otherwise, applicant shall make their mark "X".

Power of Attorney Signature: A Power of Attorney signature is **not valid** in Rhode Island.

Invalid Signature: Your mail ballot may be disqualified if you submit an electronic or stamped signature, or someone other than you signs this application.

Full Signature of Voter: _____
X _____

For Official Use Only:

Date Received: _____
Accepted by: _____
Precinct: _____

STEP
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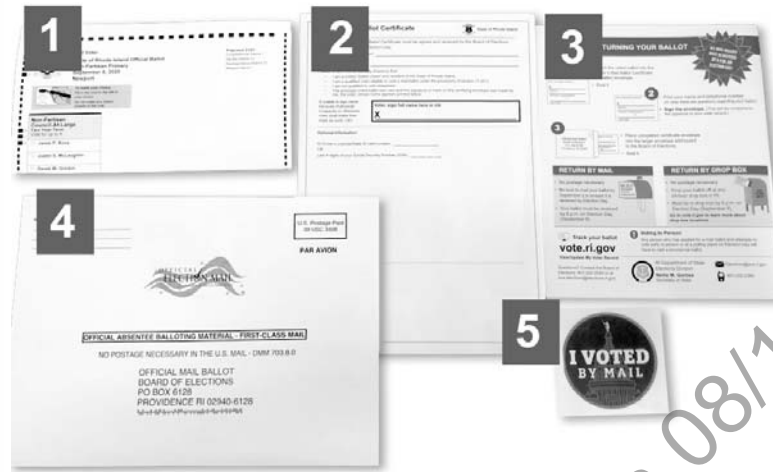
Receive Your Mail Ballot

You will receive your mail ballot packet at the address listed on your application. Your mail ballot packet includes:

1. Your mail ballot
2. Voter's Mail Ballot Certificate envelope
3. Voting from Home instructions wrap
4. Postage-paid return envelope
5. I Voted by Mail sticker

If you do not receive your packet, call the Elections Division at

401-222-2340.



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Mark your Mail Ballot

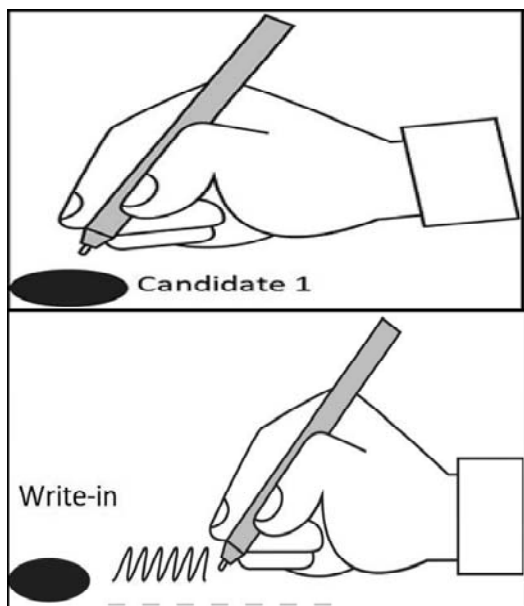
Read the instructions carefully and be sure to note how many candidates you can vote for at the top of each race.

Completely fill the oval next to your choice(s) using a pen. **Black** ink preferred.

Write-in option for November only: To vote for a candidate whose name is not on the ballot, fill in the oval to the left of “Write-in” and print the name clearly in the box.

Do not cross out any mistakes you may have made on your ballot. Instead call the Elections Division at 401-222-2340 or TDD 711 to make arrangements to receive a replacement ballot.

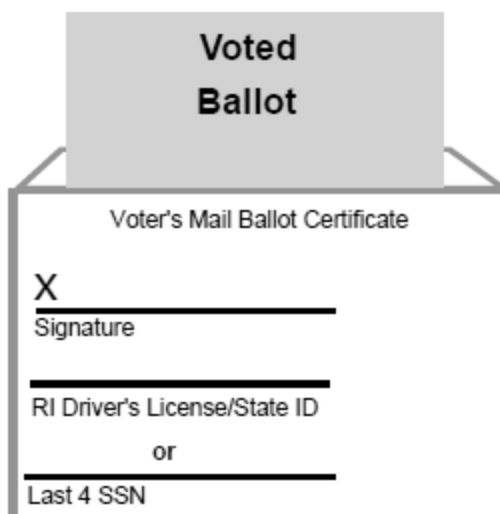
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Complete the Voter's Mail Ballot Certificate

- Insert voted ballot into Voter's Mail Ballot Certificate (smaller envelope).
- Print your name.
- Provide a telephone number in case there are questions pertaining to your Voter's Mail Ballot Certificate Sign the envelope.
- The signature on your Mail Ballot Certificate envelope will be compared to the signature on your mail ballot application.
- You may provide your RI Driver's License or State ID number or the last 4-digits of your Social Security Number as optional information.



STEP
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Mail or Hand-Deliver your Ballot

Place completed mail ballot certificate envelope into the postage-paid return envelope addressed to the:

Rhode Island Board of Elections
P.O.Box 6128
Providence, RI 02940

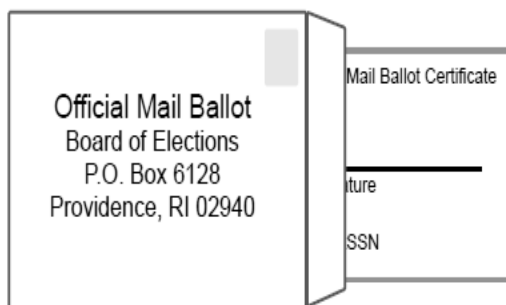
You should allow at least three (3) mailing days to ensure your mail ballot arrives by 8 p.m. on election day.

You may hand deliver the sealed envelope to the Board of Elections:

2000 Plainfield Pike, Suite A
Cranston, RI 02921

You may hand deliver the sealed envelope to any of the secure 24-hour drop box locations (/Elections/LocalBoards) around the state. Contact your local board of canvassers (/Elections/LocalBoards) to find a drop box near you.

The Board of Elections must receive your mail ballot by 8 p.m. on Election Day



FAQ

Below are frequently asked questions about voting by mail. We encourage you to read the [complete guide on how to safely vote from home \(/Content/Pdfs/Calendar/Vote-From-Home-English.pdf\)](/Content/Pdfs/Calendar/Vote-From-Home-English.pdf) with a mail ballot.

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| Do I have to reapply for a mail ballot each time I want to vote by mail? | + |
| What if I need help filling out my ballot? | + |
| What if I make a mistake or if the mail ballot is damaged? | + |
| I applied for a mail ballot, but it hasn't arrived. How can I check to see if my application was processed? | + |
| How can I check to see if my mail ballot was received? | + |
| What if I miss the mail ballot application deadline and cannot, or prefer not, to vote in person on Election Day? | + |
| Can I vote in any party primary? | + |

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