

Q Can I have assistance with my mail-in ballot?

A Yes, as long as it is not from a candidate. The person giving assistance must sign the form attached to the mail-in ballot.

Q Which county election office counts the mail-in ballots?

A A county board of election is mandated to canvas and count the mail-in ballots for every election, from fire district elections to general elections. (N.J.S.A. 19:63-22)

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Your Vote Counts!



DO YOU WANT TO VOTE?

Here's How!



Q Who can vote?

A In order to vote, you must be:

- 18 years old or older
- A United States citizen
- Registered to vote
- Have the capacity to vote (can make a choice)
- Cannot be in jail, on parole or probation for an indictable offense

Q Where can I vote?

A A person may vote in person or by mail.

Q How does a voter apply for a mail-in ballot?

A An application must be filed with the County Clerk. The voter can apply by mail no later than seven days prior the election. Thereafter, the voter must apply in person up until 3 p.m. of the day before the election. For those who cannot make it to the polls on Election Day, but who do not have enough time to apply for a “Mail-In-Ballot,” they may authorize a messenger to apply on their behalf, bring them their ballot, and then deliver their completed ballot to the County Board of Elections. (N.J.S.A. 19:63-3)



Q How does a voter appoint a messenger to deliver the ballot?

A Obtain an application for a mail-in ballot from the County Clerk. Complete and sign Section 12 of the application authorizing a person to act as a messenger. The messenger will be required to appear at the County Clerk's office to present a photo ID and sign a certification that he or she will deliver the ballot directly to the voter. The authorized messenger must be a registered voter in the county or a family member of the qualified voter and cannot represent more than three (3) voters. The messenger CANNOT be a candidate in the election for which the voter is requesting a mail-in ballot.

Q What does a voter do once they receive a mail-in ballot?

A First, read the instructions. Then fill out the ballot and accompanying forms completely and according to the directions. If the ballot is not filled out properly, it will not be counted.

Q How does a voter return the ballot to be counted?

A Voters may use the mail or a “bearer.” The ballot must be received by the county board of elections by 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Q What is a “bearer” of a mail-in ballot?

A A “bearer” is the person who assists in the mailing or the personal delivery of a voter's mail-in ballot to the board of election. (N.J.S.A. 19:63-16d(1))

