

Requesting a Mail-In Ballot and Voting by Mail in New Mexico

Deadline to Request a Mail-In Ballot: Received by October 20 at 5:00PM

Deadline to Submit a Mail-In Ballot: Received by November 3rd at 7:00PM

How can voters request a mail-in ballot?

Go Online – Visit <https://portal.sos.state.nm.us/OVR/WebPages/AbsenteeApplication.aspx?type=RA>

OR

Submit a Ballot Request Form – Mail or hand deliver a [form](#) to their County Clerk's [Office](#).

OR

Contact Your County Clerk – Contact the local [County Clerk](#) in person or by phone, mail or email to make a request for a mail-in ballot.

Can you assist voters in requesting a ballot?

Yes, if submitted by mail. When submitted by a third party, the county clerk will not accept an application for a mailed ballot if the application for a mailed ballot is delivered by electronic means.

Turnaround time: A person or organization that is not part of a government agency and that collects applications for mailed ballots must submit the applications to the appropriate office for filing within forty-eight hours of completion or the next business day if the appropriate office is closed for that forty-eight-hour period.

A person who collects applications for mailed ballots and fails to submit a voter's completed application is guilty of a petty misdemeanor. A person who intentionally alters another voter's completed application for a mailed ballot is guilty of a fourth degree felony.

How can voters return a marked ballot?

Voters should return completed ballots to the county clerk of the voter's county of residence. All ballots must be returned to the County Clerk's Office or any Election Day polling location so that it is received no later than 7:00 PM on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. Ballots mailed back must be received by the same time.

Can you assist voters in returning a marked ballot?

Only on a limited basis. The voter or the voter's caregiver or member of the immediate family (spouse, parent, child, or sibling) can return the official mailing envelope containing the voted ballot to the county clerk of the voter's county of residence. An unrelated third party may not deliver another voter's absentee ballot.

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