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Absentee Voting in the Georgia General Run-Off Election, January 5, 2021: Quick Reference Guide

Action Steps for Absentee Voters in Georgia:

- 1) **APPLY** for your absentee ballot NOW! Your ballot will be sent to you by regular USPS mail.
- 2) **COMPLETE** your absentee ballot as soon as possible; and place it in an official [drop box](#) located **in your county**, or return it by regular USPS mail; so that it arrives by 7:00 pm on January 5, 2021.
- 3) **CONFIRM** your ballot was received on your "[My Voter Page](#)", available at: <https://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov/MVP/mvp.do>

Key Facts for Georgia Voters:

- You can [check your registration status](#) by going to: <https://georgia.gov/register-vote>
If you are NOT registered, you have until **December 7th to do so**.
- **All Georgia voters are eligible to vote by absentee ballot.** You do NOT need an "excuse" to vote absentee. However, registered voters who wish to vote absentee *must* first apply for an absentee ballot.
- You can **apply for an absentee ballot NOW** using the [new portal](#) that's available on the Georgia Secretary of State's website: <https://ballotrequest.sos.ga.gov/> You can also use a [fillable Absentee Ballot application](#) that is available on the [Georgia Secretary of State's website](#) at: https://sos.ga.gov/index.php/Elections/absentee_voting_in_georgia
- **Completed absentee ballot applications** can be mailed, e-mailed, or delivered in-person to your County Board of Registrars' Office. Hand-delivering your ballot application may help you receive your ballot more quickly. A list of [County Board of Registrars Offices](#) is available at: <https://elections.sos.ga.gov/Elections/countyregistrars.do>
- **Complete your absentee ballot by:**
 - **Filling in the oval** next to the candidate's name with a blue or black pen or pencil. The oval must be completely filled in (see diagram below).



Please be careful NOT to put check marks, X's, circles, or any other markings on your ballot.

- **Placing** the completed ballot in the White and Yellow envelopes provided with the ballot.
- **Signing the back** of the yellow envelope. **Note: Unsigned ballots will be rejected.**
- **Completed *absentee ballots* may be:**
 - **Hand Delivered** to your [County Board of Registrars Office](#);
 - **Placed** in an official [drop box](#) (**Note: You must use a [drop box](#) in the county where you live**); or
 - **Mailed** to your [County Board of Registrars Office](#) (USPS postage required).
(NOTE: It is illegal to mail or drop off another person's ballot, unless you are a family member, live in the same household, or are a caregiver for a disabled person.)
- **The use of drop boxes in your county is *highly* recommended.** A list of official [drop box locations](#) by county is available at: <https://faq.georgiavoter.guide/en/article/absentee-ballot-drop-box-locations>
- **You can check on the status of both your application and your absentee ballot** by going to your "[My Voter Page](#)" at: <https://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov/MVP/mvp.do> You can also sign-up for a new free service called "[Ballottrax](#)" at <https://georgia.ballottrax.net/voter/>, to receive a text, email, or phone call alerting you as to the status of your Absentee Ballot.
- **If you make a mistake** filling-out your absentee ballot application, or the ballot itself; or if your ballot did not arrive, or was lost after you received it; please contact your [County Board of Registrars Office](#) and they can help you.

Poll workers are still needed throughout Georgia!

No prior experience is required. Most Georgia residents 17 years of age and older are eligible to serve. Poll workers are hired, trained, and paid by each county. **You can sign up at:**
<https://www.powerthepolls.org>

Disclaimer: The information included in this Quick Reference Guide is for educational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice on voting in Georgia. If you have specific questions about your eligibility to vote or voting procedures in Georgia, please contact the Georgia Secretary of State's Office (<https://sos.ga.gov/index.php/elections>), or a legal professional.

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