

Accessible (Electronic) Absentee Ballot

The Department of the Secretary of State developed this new service in coordination with Maine's online service provider, InforME, with input from advocates at Disability Rights Maine.

It is intended for voters with print disabilities, which may include vision impairment or blindness, physical dexterity limitations, learning disabilities or cognitive impairment, all of which prevent the individual from independently marking a paper ballot.

HOW TO REQUEST YOUR ACCESSIBLE (ELECTRONIC) ABSENTEE BALLOT

- 1. Go to the [online absentee ballot request page](#) and choose the "Accessible Ballot" button. Fill out the online application. The application requires that you self-certify that you have a disability that prevents you from completing a paper ballot independently. You will receive a message on the screen confirming your application has been submitted, followed by a confirmation by email.**
- 2. The Elections Division will process your application and send you an email to the email address provided in your application. The email will include a retrieval notice to access your ballot. This notice will include a link to the ballot download website and secure user name and password.**
- 3. You will log into the ballot website with your user name and password, where you will download your ballot as a universally accessible PDF file and save it to your computer. This download**

will include all ballots for your voting district, including municipal ballots if they have been provided to the State. You can then use any standard screenreader software to assist you in reading and marking the ballot with your choices.

4. When you are finished marking the ballot, you will go to the final page and enter your password into the signature box and click the “lock and sign” button to the right. The password will then show as your name.
5. When you close the completed ballot PDF, you will need to re-save it to your computer as a completed ballot. Then send the completed ballot as an email attachment to uocava.cec@maine.gov, with the subject line of “Accessible Ballot”. Or, you can reply to the ballot retrieval instructions email and attach your voted ballot PDF.
6. The ballot inbox is monitored by Elections Division staff, who will acknowledge receipt of your ballot when it is processed. Please note that acknowledgment is not automated, and thus, not immediate.

If you have any questions for the Election Division, please call 207-624-7650 or email cec.elections@maine.gov