



NORTH DAKOTA  
**SECRETARY OF STATE**

# VOTING IN NORTH DAKOTA WHILE RESIDING IN A LONG TERM CARE FACILITY

**If you are a U.S. citizen and live in North Dakota, you have the right to vote!**  
*Anyone who has lived in North Dakota for 30 days prior to an election can vote.*

## ✓ HOW DO I VOTE?

Find information on where you vote at [vote.nd.gov](https://vote.nd.gov).

- You can vote by **absentee**, or by **mail**.
- You can vote at an **early** voting location.
- You can vote on **Election Day**.

## 👤 VOTER IDENTIFICATION

You need one of the following forms of ID to vote if using one of the options above:

- **North Dakota Driver's License**
- **North Dakota Non-Driver ID**
- **Tribal ID or Tribal Letter**
- **Long Term Care Certificate**

A **Long Term Care Certificate** is the most commonly used identification method for voters residing in long term care facilities. The facility where you live can help you in completing the Long Term Care Certificate for voting purposes.



## ✓ OPTIONS FOR LONG TERM CARE RESIDENTS

As a resident in a long term care facility, you have two options for where you cast your vote:

### PREVIOUS ADDRESS

**Where you lived prior to moving to the long term care facility.**

- You should go to the polling location that is assigned to your permanent or previous address.
- If requesting an absentee ballot application, you should include your permanent or previous address and submit it to the county auditor in the county in which your permanent or previous address is located.

### LONG TERM CARE FACILITY ADDRESS

**Where the long term care facility is located.**

- You must have resided in that location for 30 days prior to the election.
- You should go to the polling location that is assigned to the long term care facility.
- If requesting an absentee ballot application, you should include the long-term care facility address and submit it to the county auditor in the county in which the long term care facility is located.



## VOTING BY ABSENTEE WHILE IN LONG TERM CARE

The long term care facility can provide a **Long Term Care Certificate** – this serves as your identification – to accompany your absentee application to the proper county.

### OPTION 1: PREVIOUS ADDRESS

1. Complete an absentee application for the county in which your previous address is located. This application can be requested from the county auditor.
2. The Resident's Permanent or Previous Address listed on your Long Term Care Certificate should match the residential address listed on the absentee application.
3. Send both your absentee application and Long Term Care Certificate to the county auditor.
  - The county auditor will verify the information and mail an absentee ballot back to the long term care facility.
  - Complete the absentee ballot and return to the county auditor. Absentee ballots must be received by the close of polls on Election Day, and can be returned by mail, county drop box, or in person to the county auditor. They will not be accepted at polling locations on Election Day.

### OPTION 2: LONG TERM CARE FACILITY ADDRESS

1. Complete an absentee application for the county in which your long term care facility is located. This application can be requested from the county auditor.
2. The Resident's Address at Facility listed on your Long Term Care Certificate should match the residential address listed on the absentee application.
3. Send both your absentee application and Long Term Care Certificate to the county auditor.
  - The county auditor will verify the information and mail an absentee ballot back to the long term care facility.
  - Complete the absentee ballot and return to the county auditor. Absentee ballots must be received by the close of polls on Election Day, and can be returned by mail, county drop box, or in person to the county auditor. They will not be accepted at polling locations on Election Day.

## QUICK RESOURCES FOR HELP



Long-Term Care  
Certificate for ID Use



Where Do I Vote  
Address Search

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Have questions about voting in  
North Dakota?

Call us at:

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