



Draft Language for Additional Guidance in Classification Block for FPCA and FWAB

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This is the page the voters will view upon clicking to contact their local election official:
<https://www.fvap.gov/r3/jurisdictions>

1. Eligibility Screen

Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) for Absentee Ballot

District of Columbia > All

Absentee Ballot Eligibility (Help)

Select your voting status. (mandatory)

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- U.S. citizen** residing outside the U.S., and I do **not** intend to return.
- U.S. citizen **otherwise** granted military/overseas voting rights under State law (check the [Voting Assistance Guide](#)).

2. Help Page updated with information on possible affects when selecting Eligibility

Eligibility

You are a UOCAVA voter if you are a U.S. citizen 18 years or older AND one of the following:

- a member of the Uniformed Services or a family member
- a member of the Merchant Marine or a family member
- a civilian residing outside the United States

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Contact Us

Email

vote@fvap.gov (do not send absentee ballot request forms to this account)

Telephone

Toll-free: 1-800-438-VOTE (8683)
 Commercial: 703-588-1584
 DSN: 425-1584

3. Select "intend to return" from Eligibility Screen

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4. Information appears upon selection to inform voter of possible affects

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FVAP Recommendations

Initially:

- Update Guide and R3 to include additional guidance in Block 1 and Block 9. Include more explicit general language providing more information about the two overseas citizens boxes in Block 1, specifically raising tax liability issues, that will be added to: A) the Block 1 instructions for all States in the VAG (online, print, errata) and B) The "Voter Classification" screen of the R3 wizard on fvap.gov.
- Add guidance for overseas children who never resided in a State to use the 5th box in Block 1.

Midterm, but still before the election:

- Add more granular State-specific language in Block 1. This will be a rollout process based on the number of estimated overseas voters from specific States, and available funds.
- Provide State-specific language for a Block 9 entry for overseas children who never resided in a State.

Long term (likely initiated before the election, but not completed until 2013):

- Formally revise the FPCA and FWAB through the federal forms review process:
 - Initiate the changes to the forms after the 2012 election (December 2012) to also allow for integration of other needed changes that may arise during this election cycle.
 - Change the FPCA and FWAB forms after the 2012 election to add an additional Overseas citizen choice of, "...I do not know if I intend to return."
 - Revise the overseas citizen choices in Block 1 to include children who have never resided in a State, or keep in the 5th box of Block 1?
- FVAP engage Armed Forces Tax Counsel (which has jurisdiction over non-armed forces tax issues for DoD civilians as well) on the impact of Section 106 of UOCAVA on the tax liability for exercising rights and forms by UOCAVA voters.