

# District of Columbia

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DEADLINES	District Primary September 14, 2010	General Election November 2, 2010
Registration	August 16, 2010	October 4, 2010
Ballot Request	September 7, 2010	October 26, 2010
Ballot Return	Postmarked by: September 14, 2010 Received by: September 24, 2010	Postmarked by: November 2, 2010 Received by: November 12, 2010

**These are not mailing deadlines. Mail your voting materials early enough to account for mail delivery times. Check the Recommended Mailing Dates on the next page for details.**

Information is current as of November 2009. Check [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov) for updates.

## Registering and Requesting Your Absentee Ballot

The Federal Post Card Application registers you to vote and requests absentee ballots for all regularly scheduled Federal elections for the calendar year in which it is submitted.

### Complete the Following Blocks of the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA):

**Block 1:** Select the category that describes you.

**Block 2.a:** Name (Last, First, Middle)

**Block 2.e:** Date of Birth

**Blocks 2.f and 2.g:** Your valid District of Columbia Driver's License number OR the last four digits of your Social Security number is required for voter registration. If you do not possess either of these identification numbers, the District of Columbia shall assign a number that will serve to identify you for voter registration purposes.

**Blocks 2.h through 2.j:** Recommended but not required. Provide your contact information to allow the District of Columbia to follow up if more information is required.

**Blocks 3.a through 3.e:** Complete street address of your District of Columbia voting residence. A post office box is not sufficient. This address must be within the District of Columbia.

**Block 4.a:** Complete address where you want your ballot sent, usually where you live now.

**Block 4.c:** The District of Columbia allows you to receive your blank ballot by mail, email, or fax. Check how you would like to receive your absentee ballot. Provide your

email address or fax number in Block 2. If you do not make a selection, then your ballot will be mailed to you.

**Block 5:** To vote in primary elections, you must enter your political party affiliation. If you are a registered non-partisan or undeclared, you must indicate which party ballot you want to receive. If you want to change your political party affiliation, submit a completed FPCA indicating your new party preference. Political party affiliation is not required if only requesting absentee ballots for general elections.

**Block 6:** Provide any information that may assist your election official in accepting this application.

**Block 7:** Sign and date. No witness or notary required.

### How and Where to Submit Your FPCA:

The District of Columbia allows you to submit the FPCA by mail or fax.

If you choose to mail your FPCA, mail the form directly to:

D.C. Board of Elections and Ethics  
441 4th Street, N.W. Suite 250  
Washington, DC 20001-2745

If you choose to fax your FPCA, you must also submit the FPCA by mail. It is recommended that you fax the form directly to the D.C. Board of Elections and Ethics at (202)-347-2648. You may also use the DoD Electronic Transmission Service to fax your FPCA toll-free. To use the Electronic Transmission Service, use the cover sheet available in Chapter 1 or at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov), and fax to: (703)-693-5527, DSN 223-5527, or toll-free from the U.S., Canada, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands to 1-800-368-8683. International toll-free numbers can be found on the inside back cover or at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov).

**Follow-Up on Your FPCA:**

To find out the status of your registration/absentee ballot request, contact your local election office or refer to the District of Columbia's voter registration verification website at: [http://www.dcboee.org/voter\\_info/reg\\_status/](http://www.dcboee.org/voter_info/reg_status/).

Your jurisdiction will contact you if your application is denied.

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**Voting Your Ballot**

The District of Columbia sends absentee ballots no later than 35 days before the election.

**Voted ballots must be postmarked no later than the day of the election and must arrive no later than 10 days after the election.**

No witness or notary is required on voted ballots.

You may return the voted ballot by mail (or by fax with a statement that you relinquish your right to a secret ballot.) Use the FPCA fax instructions under "How and Where to Submit Your FPCA."

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**Recommended Mailing Dates for the November 2010 General Election**

Send your FPCA by August 15, 2010 to ensure that you receive your ballot in time to vote and return it to be counted.

- Voters in Iraq, Afghanistan, ships at sea, and other overseas locations without access to the military postal system should send voted ballots by October 2, 2010
- Voters in other overseas military installations should send voted ballots by October 9, 2010
- Stateside Uniformed Service members and their families should send voted ballots by October 25, 2010.

If you do not receive your State absentee ballot by October 2, 2010, use the Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot. If you receive your State absentee ballot, vote and return it. If both ballots are received by the deadline, only the State ballot will be counted.

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**Haven't Received Your Ballot? Don't Wait Until It's Too Late. . . Use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot!**

The District of Columbia allows you to use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) for voting in general elections for Federal office. If you are registered and have requested your absentee ballot, feel free to use the FWAB to vote anytime before an election.

**Complete the Following Blocks of the FWAB's Voter Declaration/ Affirmation:**

**Block 1.a:** Select the category that describes you.

**Block 1.b:** The District of Columbia does not allow you to use this form for registration. Do not check this box.

**Block 2.a:** Name (Last, First, Middle)

**Block 2.e:** Date of Birth

**Blocks 2.f and 2.g:** Enter your valid D.C. Driver's License number, the last four digits of your Social Security number, OR your voter registration number.

**Blocks 2.h through 2.j:** Recommended but not required. Provide your contact information to allow the District of Columbia to follow up if more information is required.

**Blocks 3.a through 3.e:** Complete street address of your D.C. voting residence. A post office box is not sufficient. This address must be within the District of Columbia where you claim legal voting residence.

**Block 4.a:** Enter your current mailing address.

**Block 6:** Provide any information that may assist the local election official in accepting this ballot or application.

**Block 7:** Sign and date. No witness or notary required.

**Vote Your FWAB:**

Vote for any Federal office in a general election. To find out the races and candidates for which you can vote, go to [www.dcboee.org](http://www.dcboee.org). For each office for which you vote, write in either a candidate's name or a political party designation. The District of Columbia does not elect representatives to the U.S. Senate, however, it does participate in the election of the President and a Delegate to the House of Representatives is elected.

Once the ballot is complete, fold and place it in the security envelope and seal. Place only the voted ballot in the security envelope and do not write on the security envelope.

**How and Where to Submit Your FWAB:**

The deadlines for submitting the FWAB are the same as for regular absentee ballots. If you receive the regular ballot after submitting the voted FWAB, you may also vote and return the regular ballot. If both ballots are received by the deadline, only the regular ballot will be counted.

The District of Columbia allows you to submit the FWAB by mail or fax.

If you choose to mail your FWAB, insert the sealed security envelope and the Voter's Declaration/Affirmation into the mailing envelope and mail the form directly to:

D.C. Board of Elections and Ethics  
441 4th Street, N.W. Suite 250

Washington, DC 20001-2745

If you choose to fax your FWAB, you must also submit the FWAB by mail. It is recommended that you fax the FWAB directly to the D.C. Board of Elections and Ethics at (202)-347-2648. Include ballot, voter affirmation, and cover sheet with secrecy waiver. You may also use the DoD Electronic Transmission Service to fax your FWAB toll-free. To use the Electronic Transmission Service, use the cover sheet available in Chapter 1 or at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov), and fax to: (703)-693-5527, DSN 223-5527, or toll-free from the U.S., Canada, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands to 1-800-368-8683. International toll-free numbers can be found on the inside back cover or at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov).

