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FVAP Publishes 2018 Absentee Voting Procedures for Military and Overseas Voters

Updated on 11/3/2017 to reflect that hard copies of the published Guide will be distributed to VAOs in December 2017. This release originally indicated they would be distributed in December 2018.

ALEXANDRIA, Va. – FVAP is pleased to announce the release of the 2018-2019 Voting Assistance Guide (Guide) with updated content for the 2018 General Election cycle. FVAP publishes the Guide for use by voters, military and State Department Voting Assistance Officers (VAOs), overseas citizen organizations and election officials.

The Guide is a state-specific compendium of absentee voting regulations, rules, and deadlines across all 50 States, the District of Columbia, and the four U.S. territories covered under the *Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA)*. It also includes the procedures that military and overseas voters must follow to successfully register to vote and cast a ballot using the Federal Post Card Application and Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot.

The Guide is a critical resource for Voting Assistance Officers (VAO) worldwide to help voters complete the absentee voting process. The new information has also been incorporated into [FVAP.gov](https://www.fvap.gov) and can be found by selecting a State from the drop-down under “Voters Start Here” or at <https://www.fvap.gov/vao/vag>.

Important Information for Voting Assistance Officers

Hard copies of the published Guide will be distributed to VAOs in December 2017. You can order additional printed versions through your Service channels. View your Service’s guidance at <https://www.fvap.gov/vao/materials/usm-order>.

We have also posted a new FPCA and FWAB Quick Reference Guide for your use at <https://www.fvap.gov/uploads/FVAP/FPCA-FWAB-qrg.pdf>.

Please update your communications and materials with links to the new resources.

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Federal Voting Assistance Program

The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) is a Department of Defense (DoD) organization that works to ensure Service members, their eligible family members, and overseas citizens are aware of their right to vote and have the tools and resources to successfully do so — from anywhere in the world.

FVAP assists voters through partnerships with the Military Services, Department of State, Department of Justice, and election officials from the 50 states, U.S. territories and the District of Columbia. State and local governments administer U.S. elections, including those for federal



offices. FVAP supports State and local election officials by providing absentee voting information, materials, training and guidance.

Voters can contact FVAP's call center at 703-588-1584 (toll free 1-800-438-VOTE or DSN 425-1584) or at vote@fvap.gov. Toll-free phone numbers from 67 countries are listed at FVAP.gov. Find FVAP on Facebook at www.facebook.com/DoDFVAP and follow [@FVAP](https://twitter.com/FVAP) on Twitter.