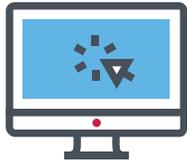


How to Vote Absentee

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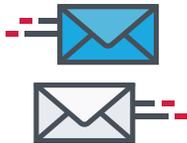
Select your State
at [FVAP.gov](https://fvap.gov)

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Submit your Federal Post Card
Application (FPCA) to register
and request a ballot

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When you receive your ballot,
vote, sign, and return it

RECOMMENDED MAILING DATES FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION



DO THIS

BY THIS DATE

Register and request an
absentee ballot using the
Federal Post Card Application
(FPCA).

August 1

Receive your
absentee ballot.
If you don't receive your
requested ballot, use the Federal
Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB).

October 8

Return your voted ballot to your
local election office in time for it
to arrive by Election Day.

If you are outside the U.S.

October 15

If you are stateside

November 1

If you are on a ship at sea

October 10

Americans can vote.

Wherever they are.



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FEDERAL VOTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

What is the Federal Voting Assistance Program?
FVAP 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.



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Do you want to vote?

You can, and the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) can help!

Ensure you receive absentee ballots while away from your voting residence by submitting a new Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) every January or at least 90 days prior to an election.

Here's how:

- 1 Go to FVAP.gov and select your State of voting residence for information and help with the absentee voting process.
- 2 Register to vote and request your ballot by completing a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) and sending it to your election office. Follow your State's instructions on how to complete the FPCA and return it.
- 3 When you receive your ballot, vote, sign and return it to your election office.

If you do not receive your ballot at least 30 days before the election, find your State on FVAP.gov and complete a Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB).

FAQs

Frequently Asked Questions



Can I vote absentee?

All overseas U.S. citizens, as well as Service members and their eligible family members living outside their voting jurisdiction, may vote absentee.

Where is my voting residence?

For voting purposes, your voting residence can be the State or territory where you last resided prior to entering military service, or the State or territory that you have since claimed as your legal residence. Even though you may no longer maintain formal ties to that residence, the address determines your proper voting jurisdiction. To claim a new legal residence, a Judge Advocate General Officer or legal counsel should be consulted to ensure you consider all consequences.

Can I vote in person?

You cannot vote in person as an absentee voter. As an overseas citizen, you cannot vote in person at U.S. embassies, consulates or military installations. If you are a military member living in the U.S., you may vote locally where you're stationed by changing your voting residence to that State.

States govern elections, so it's important to follow the laws of your State where you're registered to vote. Select your State at FVAP.gov for specific election deadlines and instructions on how to register and vote.

Where can I get more help?

FVAP offers information and tools for absentee voters at FVAP.gov. You can also call 800-438-VOTE or email vote@fvap.gov for help.

At most U.S. embassies, consulates and military installations, Voting Assistance Officers can provide you with in-person assistance. Find contact information for your Installation Voter Assistance Office at FVAP.gov.

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You may be able to transmit your FPCA and ballot electronically. Check your State's requirements to determine what electronic options are available to you. If eligible, you may be able to transmit them electronically and toll-free with FVAP's help. Fax it to 800-368-8683 or email it to fax@fvap.gov, and we can convert it to the format required by your State.