How to Vote Absentee

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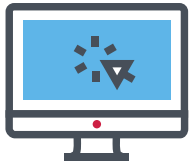

Select your State at FVAP.gov

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

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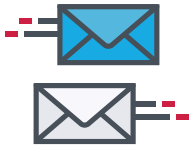

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RECOMMENDED MAILING DATES FOR THE

NOVEMBER 8, 2016 GENERAL ELECTION

DO THIS	BY THIS DATE
Register and request an absentee ballot using the *Federal Post Card Application* (FPCA).	**August 1, 2016**
Receive your absentee ballot. If you don't receive your requested ballot, use the *Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot* (FWAB).	No later than **October 8, 2016**
Return your completed ballot to your local election office in time for it to arrive by Election Day.	
If you are outside the U.S.	**October 15, 2016**
If you are stateside	**November 1, 2016**
If you are on a ship at sea	**October 10, 2016**

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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.

Americans can vote.

Wherever they are.

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Do you want to vote in the 2016 elections?

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

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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 (8683) 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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