web page: https://www.fvap.gov/
Absentee Voting Requirements on FVAP.gov

• Printer
• Adobe Reader 6.0 version or higher
• Accept the Privacy Act Statement
Click on Request Your Ballot Now (in pink)
Register and request your absentee ballot with the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)

Requesting an absentee ballot is easy. Just follow these simple steps.


You will need a printer.
You will need a printer to complete this process. If you do not have a printer, save the forms and complete when a printer is available.
You'll need Adobe Reader version 9.0 or higher.
Download it here.
No personal information will be archived at any point.

Privacy Act Statement

AUTHORITY: 38 USC 1221
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Title 1 - Registration and Voting By Absentee Uniformed Services Voters and Overseas Voters in Elections for Federal Office.
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PRINCIPAL PURPOSE:
Serves as an application for registration and/or request for absentee ballot for all persons covered by the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act.
DISCLOSURE:
Voluntary; however, failure to provide the necessary information may keep the pertinent jurisdiction from processing this request and may prevent you from voting absentee.
Select State of Voting Residence
Select your Jurisdiction
Select your Absentee Ballot Classification
Enter your information
Continue entering your information
Enter your mailing and forwarding addresses (even if you are requesting your ballot by email/online)
Select method to receive ballot and provide contact details
Verify your information is correct
Download PDF file of Voter Registration and Absentee Ballot Request Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)
Sign and date
Print and Finish your Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)

Step 1: Complete Your FPCA Package

- Review your personalized FPCA PDF package before printing.
- Print and sign your FPCA.
- Send your election materials.

The PDF package includes items to send to your election official as well as reference material. Please send your FPCA and the documents marked for sending.

NOTE: The pages in the package are formatted for US 8 1/2" x 11" letter size paper. If you are overseas and only have access to European A4 210mm by 297mm, you will need to print the document at 96% of its normal size.

Step 2: Return Your FPCA Package
Download envelope and add From and To addresses
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Select and download either the Standard U.S. (#10 envelope 4 1/8 in. by 9 1/2 in.) or European standard C4 (229mm by 324mm) template, depending on your envelope printer setting.

NOTE: The postal service equipment will destroy envelopes with taped or stapled postage-paid labels.

If you don't have a US standard #10 envelope, use any size you have available. You will need to affix postage to the envelope to ensure that your FPCA will make it to your election official in a timely manner. Seal and mail your election materials to the local election official address located in the FPCA PDF reference materials.

If mailing from outside the US and using a foreign mail service you will need to affix proper postage to the envelope to ensure that your FPCA will make it to your election official in a timely manner.

Click to download envelope

- Download Envelope - Standard U.S.
- Download Envelope - C4 Europe

Federal Election Deadlines

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<td>General Election November 3, 2020</td>
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*Ballot Return: Ballots must still be received by the 3rd day after the election.
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Step 3: Sign up to Receive Voter Alerts

We offer Voter Alerts to keep you informed about election dates, important deadlines throughout the absentee voting process, changes to State laws that affect how voters may request and cast their ballots and other crucial absentee voting information.

Click to subscribe for email updates

Subscribe
If you subscribe to receive voter alerts, a confirmation email will immediately arrive.
Federal Election Deadlines (Check individual state deadlines as some are different from these)

- General Election- Registration (email, fax, mail) by October 5, ballot request (no deadline) and postmarked by November 3
- Some states require that it arrive by a certain date.
- Other states have a deadline by which to request the ballot.
- Some states required that the ballot itself is signed by a certain date.
From the fvap.gov homepage, select state from the drop-down to see information about key dates to request and turn in ballots.
Use this site to vote absentee if you are

- a U.S. citizen
- at least 18 years old.
- absent from your voting residence.

The absentee voting process applies to you if you are

- an active duty member of the Uniformed Services or Merchant Marine absent from your voting residence.
- an eligible spouse or family member of an active duty member of the Uniformed Services or Merchant Marine.
- a U.S. citizen residing outside the country.

**STEP 1**
Register and request your absentee ballot with the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA).

**STEP 2**
Fill out and send in your ballot when it arrives.

Didn't receive your ballot?

Start the FPCA

Start your backup ballot

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*Ballot Return: Ballots must be received by 5:00 PM on the 7th day after the election.*
What to do if you haven’t received your ballot and the deadline is near

• Go to fvap.gov to fill out the Federal Write-In Ballot (FWAB)
Election Forms and Tools for Sending

For military members, their families and overseas citizens, these resources from FVAP will make voting absentee as easy as possible — wherever you are and in whichever state you vote in.

Register and request your absentee ballot with the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)

Use the FPCA to both register to vote and request your absentee ballot.

- Fill Out the FPCA
- Download the FPCA

Make sure to follow your state instructions when filling out your FPCA
- Translation of FPCA Instructions in Español
- Translation of FPCA Instructions in Français
- Translation of FPCA Instructions in العربية

Vote as a backup using the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)

Use the FWAB if there isn’t enough time to receive and send back your ballot before the election.

It works like a backup ballot. If your official absentee ballot arrives after sending in the FWAB, fill out and send in the official ballot too. Only one will be counted.

- Fill Out the FWAB
- Download the FWAB

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- Translation of FWAB Instructions in Español
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How to return your FWAB by mail, email, or fax

Send in your forms with these helpful tools

Mail
You can mail your FPCA, ballot or FWAB postage-free using these return envelopes. Be sure to use the security envelope to seal in your completed ballot or FWAB inside of the mailing envelope.
Using these templates, print directly on a blank envelope or print and affix to an envelope. Find your election office's mailing address.

Standard U.S. Envelope Size (#10)
- FPCA Postage-Paid Return Envelope
- Ballot Return and FWAB Postage-Paid Return Envelope
- Ballot Return and FWAB Security Envelope

Standard Europe Envelope Size (C4)
- FPCA Postage-Paid Return Envelope
- Ballot Return and FWAB Postage-Paid Return Envelope

Email or Fax
If your state allows you to email or fax your FPCA, ballot or FWAB, use this cover sheet to help protect the privacy of the materials and ensure they are received correctly. Find your election office's contact information.
- Email or Fax Transmission Cover Sheet

DISCLAIMER: FVAP provides the DoD Fax Service to assist you with sending your election materials. FVAP does not guarantee the acceptance or processing of your materials by your election office. As a user of this service, we encourage you to contact your election office directly to verify whether your information was received.

Register to vote locally with the National Voter Registration Form (NVRF)
If you aren't away from your voting residence, use the NVRF to register to vote, update registration information due to a change of name, make a change of address or register with a political party. The NVRF form is maintained by the Election Assistance Commission.
Download envelope and add From and To addresses
Where to turn in your ballot

• If your ballot has to be mailed, turn your completed ballot in at the Consular Section entrance at the U.S. Embassy in Riga (Samnera Velsaiela 1).

• Facial masks are required to access the drop off box. You will also be required to fill out a sign in sheet with your name and contact details.

• Your ballot will be sent with outgoing U.S. Embassy mail.

• Please note: if the deadline is less than three weeks away, it may be necessary to use a private courier or international mail.