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Absentee Ballots for Americans



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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FAQ #1

I LIVE OUTSIDE THE US, CAN I STILL VOTE?

YES, if you are:

- ✓ U.S. citizen living abroad
- ✓ At least 18 years old on the date of the election
- ✓ Eligible to register to vote in your state

Federal law guarantees your right to vote in federal elections – i.e., for President, U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives.

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FAQ #7

WHY USE FPCA INSTEAD OF MY STATE'S APPLICATION?

- Protects your ballot at the federal level in case of a recount. Otherwise, your ballot may be subject to challenge in a close election.
- Receive a ballot for every election in that calendar year.
- Receive your ballot by email.
- Receive your ballot at least 45 days before the election.
- Eligible to vote with a special back-up ballot (FWAB).
- May give you additional time to submit their voted ballots.
- May allow you to return your ballot by email / online.

Source: www.votefromabroad.org/faqs/7/



FAQ #13

WHAT STATE DO I VOTE IN?

Your voting address is the last place you lived in the U.S.

It doesn't matter if you have any existing relationship to this address. It doesn't matter:

- × who owns the property now
- × whether you were registered to vote before you left
- × whether you intend to return to that state
- × how long you have lived abroad



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FAQ #8

WHY USE VFA INSTEAD OF PAPER FORM?

VFA offers a responsive form making sure your application will be complete and meet the specific requirements of your state.

In addition, illegibility is a major reason Local Election Officials reject an FPCA; by using VFA, you will be assured that your FPCA is legible.

And using VFA will ensure your FPCA is emailed to the correct office—or, if you send in your form by fax or mail, the instructions will provide the correct contact information.

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FAQ #16

DO I INTEND TO RETURN... OR...?

If you choose 'intend to return', every state will send a ballot for state offices as well as federal elections.

However, if you choose 'my return is uncertain', you will receive a federal ballot and more than half of the states (31) will send you a state ballot.



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FAQ #20

SO WHEN DO I RECEIVE MY BALLOT?

Your Local Election Official (LEO) must send your blank ballot to you at least 45 days before a scheduled election—or, if the election is fewer than 45 days away, your LEO will send out your blank ballot within a few days after approving your Federal Post Card Application (FPCA).

For the General Election in November, overseas ballots will typically be sent out in the third week of September.

Source: www.votefromabroad.org/faqs/20/



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FAQ #24

WHAT IF I DON'T GET MY BALLOT?

You can vote using the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)—also known as the “back-up ballot”. Go to:

www.votefromabroad.org/fwab

If you receive your official ballot after submitting your FWAB, you should complete and return your official ballot as well. It's okay—only one ballot per person will be counted. If both your FWAB and your official ballot arrive before the deadline, your FWAB will be discarded and only your official ballot will be counted.

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