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Hi Tricia,

I'm happy to answer questions and respectfully asked your volunteer that they be emailed. This ensures someone doesn't have to wait on the line while I research. When it comes to UOCAVA information for a third party agency that will then be sharing that information with others, it is better to be accurate than immediate.

You mention that when you emailed you were not able to get a straight answer. I did not receive an email from your volunteer after requesting the questions, so I'm not sure what response you were speaking about. When your email address was given to me this morning, I immediately emailed links that I thought might have some information you were looking for, but as the questions were never shared with me, I was not able to be specific in my response.

In terms of the questions that you have now emailed to me the answers are below in terms of elections in North Carolina.

1. If a U.S. citizen marks their FPCA, intend to return, are they allowed to vote in **state** elections? Yes
2. If a U.S. citizen is residing abroad and they mark their FPCA return is uncertain, are they allowed to vote in **state** elections? Yes
3. If a U.S. citizen has never resided in the United States, are they eligible to vote in **state** elections? Yes. A U.S. citizen who has never resided in the U.S. and has a parent or legal guardian that was last domiciled in North Carolina is eligible to vote in North Carolina.

Regards,

Allison

**From:** Tricia Augustine [<mailto:taugham1@gmail.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, February 22, 2018 2:06 PM

**To:** Blackman, Allison <[Allison.Blackman@ncsbe.gov](mailto:Allison.Blackman@ncsbe.gov)>

**Subject:** [External] RE: overseas voters

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Dear Ms. Blackman,

I belong to the American Association in Singapore and a group of us are trying to help get information to people who need to vote overseas. Information on websites are often wrong and information regarding state elections is limited. A volunteer spoke to you today. She told us that you refused to answer her questions over the phone. Yet, when we e-mail we have not been able to get straight answers to our questions. I cannot get on your website because, I imagine, it blocks folks who live overseas. The FVAP

is for Federal elections only and our questions are in regard to state elections. I tried to call tonight, in fact it is 3:00 AM right now Singapore time ( I am 13 hours ahead of you) and the receptionist would not allow me to speak to anyone. Our soldiers fight and die for our country. I would think the public servants in NC would be more respectful and helpful. Having said that I will try one last time to help our soldiers and those who have to work overseas vote-

The questions we need answers to are as follows:

1. If a U.S. citizen marks their FPCA, intend to return, are they allowed to vote in **state** elections?
2. If a U.S. citizen is residing abroad and they mark their FPCA return is uncertain, are they allowed to vote in **state** elections?

Your e-mail response to those questions was ambiguous. You did discuss residency so I think your answer is yes to both of those questions but I cannot be sure. Would you please give me the “yes” or “no” answer I seek.

3. If a U.S. citizen has never resided in the United States, are they eligible to vote in **state** elections?

Your e-mail answer to this question was that we should check the FVAP-but like I said above the FVAP is for Federal Elections only. We have e-mailed several times in an attempt to get clarification from you to no avail. I need you to know that we have been at this since October. 49 states have gotten back to us with clear, concise answers-in most cases it was within days. My hope is that, after 4 months of trying, we can finally get answers from NC. I am sure you can understand our frustration. Thank you in advance for taking the time to answer our questions. We appreciate you helping Americans execute one of their most important rights!

Sincerely,  
Tricia Augustine

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**Subject:** overseas voters

Hi Ms. Augustine,

We have a [webpage](#) about overseas absentee voting that contains a great amount of information.

Additionally specific deadlines for overseas voters are on the [fvap.gov/north-carolina](http://fvap.gov/north-carolina) page.

I would be happy to provide additional information if you will let me know what your questions are.

Best regards,

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Hi Tricia,

Response from NC.

~Heather

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Good afternoon,

The majority of the information you are looking for can be found at <https://www.fvap.gov/>

Each circumstance is a bit different and a blanket statement is not always comprehensive. Here is some specific information to consider:

Questions 1&2

## If I do not maintain a legal residence in the U.S., what is my "legal State of residence"?

Your legal State of residence is your address in the State in which you were last domiciled, immediately prior to leaving the United States.

This residence may remain valid even if:

- You no longer own property or have other ties to that State.
- Your intent to return to that State is uncertain.
- Your previous address is no longer a recognized residential address.

Questions 3 & 4

<https://www.fvap.gov/citizen-voter/reside>

Best regards,

North Carolina State Board of Elections and Ethics Enforcement

**From:** heather ventresco [mailto:[hventresco@gmail.com](mailto:hventresco@gmail.com)]

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Hello, I'm a volunteer helping US citizens, living overseas, vote in US elections. We want to make sure that [votefromabroad.org](http://votefromabroad.org) provides accurate and up-to-date voting information. Would you please answer the following questions:

1. If a U.S. citizen is residing abroad and they intend to return, are they allowed to vote in state elections?
  2. If a U.S. citizen is residing abroad and their return is uncertain, are they allowed to vote in state elections?
  3. If a U.S. citizen has never resided in the United States, are they eligible to vote in state elections?
  4. If a US citizen has never resided in the United States, are they eligible to vote in federal elections?
- Thank you for taking the time to answer our questions. We appreciate you helping Americans execute one of their most important rights!

Take Care,  
Heather Ventresco