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RE: FW: Voicemail

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Wed, Sep 5, 2018 at 7:10 AM

Ms. Burch,

Thank you for reaching out with your questions. We're happy to clarify those provisions for you.

1. In order for a person to register to vote or to update an existing registration **by mail** before an election, the individual must submit a properly completed FPCA that is **postmarked** no later than the 30th day preceding an election. For this fall's general election, the registration deadline is **Tuesday, October 9, 2018**. ORC 3503.19. Remember that you also may send your FPCA via e-mail or fax by October 9, 2018.
2. Ohio law requires that an absentee ballot from a military or overseas Ohio citizen be submitted for mailing not later than 12:01 a.m. on election day. ORC 3511.09. Nevertheless, a valid absentee ballot from a military or overseas voter will be counted regardless of postmark as long as it reaches the proper county board of elections by the 10th day after election day. ORC 3511.11.

While a military or overseas voter may submit a ballot for mailing up through the end of the day before the election, we encourage all voters to mail the voted ballot as early as possible before election day to ensure its arrival by the 10th day after the election.

We appreciate the information about your trouble accessing our website, and will look into what might be preventing that access.

Sincerely,

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From: H Burch <heidilburch@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 4, 2018 6:05 PM
To: Tlachac, Matthew <mtlachac@ohiosecretaryofstate.gov>
Cc: Kuruc, Carolyn <CKuruc@ohiosecretaryofstate.gov>
Subject: Re: FW: Voicemail

Hi Matthew,

Thanks for getting in touch and yes, here are my questions with links to the pages.

1. If an overseas voter uses the Federal Post Card Application to **register to vote** for the Nov election and send in the form by **Mail**, must the form be **Postmarked** by Oct 9th or **Received** in Ohio by that date? (I understand that if the voter sends in the form by Email or Fax that is a "received by" deadline).

According to FVAP.gov, the Oct 9th deadline is "Received by" (<https://www.fvap.gov/guide/chapter2/ohio>)

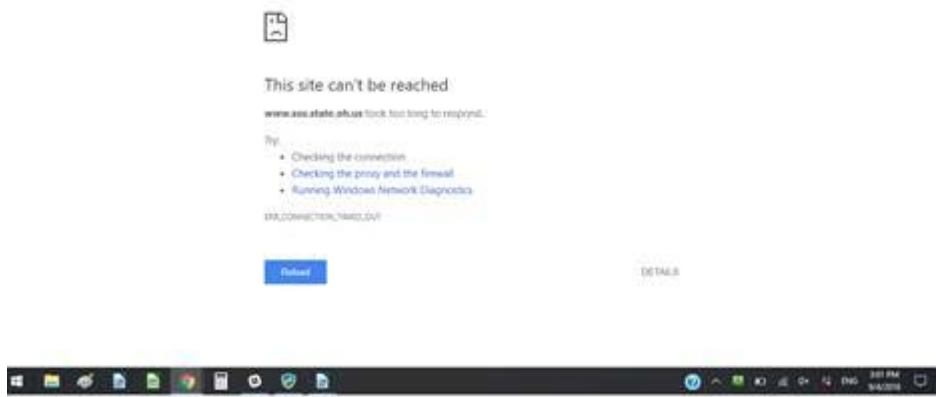
According to the Overseas Vote Foundation, this is a "Postmarked by" deadline (<https://www.overseasvotefoundation.org/vote/state-elections/state-election-dates-deadlines.htm?uocava=true&stateName=OH>)

2. Both FVAP and OVF indicate that the deadline to return voted ballots is "sent by" or "in the mail by" **Nov 6th at 12:01am** (and received by the 10th day after the election)

See: <https://www.fvap.gov/guide/chapter2/ohio> and <https://www.overseasvotefoundation.org/vote/state-elections/state-election-dates-deadlines.htm?uocava=true&stateName=OH>

I wasn't sure how to read the midnight deadline. **Does that mean that voted ballots must be postmarked by Nov 5th?**

Thank you very much for your help, I'm not able to access the website for the Ohio Secretary of State. When I try to access these websites: <https://www.sos.state.oh.us/secretary-husted-office/office-initiatives/military-and-overseas-voters/> or <http://myohiovote.com/>, I get this notice:



Is it possible the website is blocking access from outside the US? (I'm a US citizen living in Canada) If so, is there a way to get it fixed to allow access by US citizens who are outside the US?

Best, Heidi

On Tue, Sep 4, 2018 at 11:41 AM, Tlachac, Matthew <mtlachac@ohiosecretaryofstate.gov> wrote:

Heidi,

I received your voicemail this a.m. If you would be able to, could you email me those two questions and I will provide you with the response. Also, if you provide the links to the pages where you notice anything, that would be helpful.

Thanks so much,

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