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**Re: Question re: voter registration deadline for overseas voters**

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**Schneider, Arielle** <arielle.schneider@elections.virginia.gov>  
To: heidilburch@gmail.com

Tue, Oct 16, 2018 at 12:04 PM

Ms. Burch,

Apologies for the confusion! You are correct that Virginia law distinguishes between service members overseas and civilian voters overseas; a civilian overseas voter must register by mail by October 15th. They may, if certain circumstances apply, register to vote *in person* after the 15th up to and including election day.

Thank you,  
Arielle Schneider

On Tue, Oct 16, 2018 at 2:11 PM H Burch &lt;heidilburch@gmail.com&gt; wrote:

Hi Ms Schneider,

Thanks so much for the quick response! I appreciate the explanation of the late registration deadline and ballot request deadline for active-duty uniformed-service voters and their qualifying spouses and dependents.

But I'm still a bit confused about the deadline for **civilian** overseas voters **to register to vote..**

VA's website for overseas voters indicates this deadline is 22 days before the election (that is, Oct 15), but FVAP.gov lists the voter registration deadline for all overseas voters as Oct 30. Please see: <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/registration/military-overseas/index.html#Third> and <https://www.fvap.gov/guide/chapter2/virginia>

Could you confirm which website has the correct deadline for civilian overseas voters?

Thank you!

Heidi

On Tue, Oct 16, 2018 at 8:42 AM Schneider, Arielle &lt;arielle.schneider@elections.virginia.gov&gt; wrote:

Ms. Burch,

Thank you for all you do to assist service members and overseas voters. In Virginia, active-duty uniformed-service voters (including qualifying spouses and dependents) may register to vote by mail until Election Day, but are still subject to the absentee application deadline to request a ballot sent to them by mail, email or fax. A Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) for an uniformed-service voter eligible for late registration, must be received at least seven days before the election in order for an official ballot to be sent by mail, email or fax. The FWAB may be used as backup if time may be insufficient to receive and return an official ballot. [Federal Post Card Application \(FPCA\)](#) for applicants eligible under UOCAVA who are already registered in Virginia, or who are active-duty uniformed-service eligible for late registration, must be received by the local election office no later than 5:00 p.m. seven (7) days before the election (unless there is a qualifying emergency). FPCAs can be submitted by mail, e-mail or fax.

Thank you and don't hesitate to reach out if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,  
Arielle Schneider

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From: **H Burch** <heidilburch@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Oct 15, 2018 at 5:03 PM

Subject: Question re: voter registration deadline for overseas voters

To: <[info@elections.virginia.gov](mailto:info@elections.virginia.gov)>

I'm a volunteer with VoteFromAbroad--we help US citizens, military and civilian, living overseas when they have questions about voting from abroad. I wanted to confirm the deadline for overseas VA voters to register to vote for the Nov 6th Midterm elections.

According to your website, if a civilian who is not currently registered submits an FPCA, it must be received in VA 22 days before the election--that is, Oct 15 (today). [<https://www.elections.virginia.gov/registration/military-overseas/index.html#Third>] I understand there is a later deadline for active-duty military personnel and their families.

However, FVAP.gov lists the voter registration deadline for all overseas voters as Oct 30. [<https://www.fvap.gov/guide/chapter2/virginia>]

I really appreciate your help in confirming the correct deadline. We want to make sure we send accurate information out to VA overseas voters.

Thank you,  
Heidi Burch

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