



FVAP.gov
FEDERAL VOTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



Separating from Active Duty Voter Assistance

FACT SHEET

Wherever U.S. citizens go, FVAP ensures their voice is heard.

The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) works to ensure Service members, their eligible family members and overseas citizens are aware of their right to vote and have the tools and resources to successfully do so — from anywhere in the world.

★ Still on Active Duty?

While on active duty, you are covered by The Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act; commonly referred to as UOCAVA. UOCAVA citizens are active members of the Uniformed Services, the Merchant Marine, their family members and U.S. citizens residing outside the United States. This Act provides the legal basis for absentee voting requirements for these citizens.

★ Moving Abroad After Separation?

If you will be moving abroad after separating from the military, you will remain a UOCAVA voter. You should submit a new Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) with your updated mailing address and new classification selection. The FPCA can be found at FVAP.gov. Your voting residence address in the U.S. will remain the same.

Separating from Active Duty?

Don't let your vote get lost in transition! Notify your local election official of your change in status and that you will be voting locally in future elections. Steps can be found on the back of this sheet.

Local election official contact information can be found at FVAP.gov. Once you have alerted your election official, you should complete a National Voter Registration Form to register as a civilian in your new voting jurisdiction.



National Voter Registration Form >>>

The National Mail Voter Registration Form can be used to register U.S. citizens to vote, to update registration information due to a change of name, make a change of address or to register with a political party. You must follow the state-specific instructions listed for your state. They begin on page 3 of the form and are listed alphabetically by state. After filling out this form, you must sign your name where indicated and send it to your state or local election office for processing. Be sure you mail it in an envelope with the proper amount of postage.



Voter Registration Application
Before completing this form, review the General, Application, and State specific instructions.

Are you a citizen of the United States of America? Yes No This space for office use only.
 Will you be 18 years old on or before election day? Yes No

1 Mr. Mrs. Miss Last Name First Name Middle Name(s)

2 Home Address Apt. or Lot # City/Town State Zip Code

3 Address Where You Get Your Mail If Different From Above City/Town State Zip Code

4 Date of Birth Telephone Number (optional) **6** ID Number - (See item 6 in the instructions for your state)
 Month Day Year

7 Choice of Party (See instructions for your state) **8** Race or Ethnic Group (See instructions for your state)

9 I have reviewed my state's instructions and I swear/affirm that:
 I am a United States citizen
 I meet the eligibility requirements of my state and subscribe to my oath required.
 The information I have provided is true to the best of my knowledge under penalty of perjury. If I have provided false information, I may be fined, imprisoned, or if not a U.S. citizen) deported from or refused entry to the United States.
 Please sign full name (or put mark) _____
 Date: _____
 Month Day Year

If you are registering to vote for the first time, please refer to the application instructions for information on submitting copies of valid identification documents with this form.

Please fill out the sections below if they apply to you.

If this application is for a change of name, what was your name before you changed it?

A Mr. Mrs. Miss Last Name First Name Middle Name(s)

If you were registered before but this is the first time you are registering from the address in Box 2, what was your address where you were registered before?

B Street (or route and box number) Apt. or Lot # City/Town/County State Zip Code

If you live in a rural area but do not have a street number, or if you have no address, please show on the map where you live.

Write in the names of the crossroads (or streets) nearest to where you live.
 Draw an X to show where you live.
 Use a dot to show any creek, stream, pond, or other landmark near where you live, and write the name of the landmark.

C Example:
 Public School
 Grocery Store
 Woodchuck Road
 NORTH ↑

If the applicant is unable to sign, who helped the applicant fill out this application? Give name, address and phone number (phone number optional).

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Mail this application to the address provided for your State.

Notify Your Local Election Official

As you transition back to civilian life, you will no longer be covered by the UOCAVA. You and your voting-age family members should notify your local election official of your change in voter registration status and update your information to vote locally. You may do this in either one or two easy steps:

If you have voted absentee or locally and are staying in the same voting residence after separation:

Step 1: Notify your election official of your change in status and that you will be voting at the poll site in future elections. FVAP.gov provides a sample letter for your convenience.



If you voted absentee or locally at the polls and are moving to a new State or county after separation:

Step 1: Notify your election official of your change in status and that you will no longer be voting in that jurisdiction. FVAP.gov provides a sample letter for your convenience.



Step 2: Complete a National Voter Registration Form to register as a civilian.



*Additional information about registering to vote locally can be found on the State-specific election websites available at FVAP.gov/links.

Need Assistance?

Your Voting Assistance Officer (VAO) can help! Your Unit VAO can help you fill in and mail your voting materials if you need the assistance. You can find contact information for your Installation Voter Assistance Office at:

www.fvap.gov/info/contact

CONTACT FVAP

Monday–Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Phone: 1-800-438-VOTE (8683) | DSN: 425-1584 | Email: vote@fvap.gov
 Go to FVAP.gov and click on “contact” to find where to send your election materials. Media inquiries: media@fvap.gov
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