

FAQs: 2018 VOTER REGISTRATION and BALLOT REQUEST

I. VOTING AS A US CITIZEN ABROAD

1. [I LIVE OUTSIDE THE US, AM I ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN US ELECTIONS?](#)
2. [CAN I VOTE IN MIDTERM ELECTIONS?](#)
3. [CAN YOU GIVE ME AN OVERVIEW OF THE PROCESS TO VOTE AS A US CITIZEN LIVING ABROAD?](#)
4. [HOW DO I REGISTER TO VOTE OR REQUEST A BALLOT AS A US CITIZEN LIVING ABROAD?](#)
5. [WHY SHOULD I SEND IN THE FPCA FORM TO INDICATE I AM AN OVERSEAS VOTER, RATHER THAN USING A REGULAR IN-STATE ABSENTEE BALLOT?](#)
6. [WHY SHOULD I SEND IN THE FORM TO REQUEST MY BALLOT EVERY CALENDAR YEAR?](#)
7. [I'M ALREADY A REGISTERED VOTER AND/OR MY STATE ALWAYS SENDS MY BLANK BALLOT, WHY SHOULD I SEND IN THE FPCA FORM?](#)
8. [HOW DO I CHECK IF I AM REGISTERED TO VOTE AND/OR IF MY BALLOT REQUEST WAS RECEIVED?](#)

II. FILLING IN THE FPCA (FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION):

9. [WHY SHOULD I USE *VOTEFROMABROAD.ORG* RATHER THAN FILL OUT THE PAPER FORM?](#)
10. [I'M FILLING OUT MY FORM, HOW DO I KNOW IF I SHOULD CHOOSE "INTEND TO RETURN" OR THAT "MY RETURN IS UNCERTAIN"?](#)
11. [CAN I REGISTER TO VOTE IF I'VE NEVER RESIDED IN THE US?](#)
12. [I'M A US CITIZEN AND MY VOTER REGISTRATION WAS PREVIOUSLY REJECTED BECAUSE I'VE NEVER RESIDED IN THE US. WHAT CAN I DO?](#)
13. [I'M FILLING OUT MY FORM, WHAT SHOULD I LIST AS MY "US VOTING ADDRESS"?](#)
14. [I CAN'T REMEMBER MY LAST US ADDRESS, HOW DO I FIND IT?](#)
15. [WHAT DOES "BALLOT FORWARDING ADDRESS" MEAN?](#)

16. [CAN I REGISTER TO VOTE IN A DIFFERENT STATE?](#)
17. [THE FORM GIVES ME A CHOICE TO RECEIVE MY BLANK BALLOT BY EMAIL/ONLINE, FAX OR MAIL. IS ANY OPTION BETTER?](#)
18. [I FILLED OUT THE FORM ON \[VOTEFROMABROAD.ORG\]\(http://VOTEFROMABROAD.ORG\), WILL THAT REGISTER ME TO VOTE AND TO RECEIVE A BALLOT?](#)

III. RECEIVING BLANK BALLOTS AND RETURNING VOTED BALLOTS:

19. [WHAT CAN I DO TO MAKE SURE I'LL RECEIVE MY BLANK BALLOT?](#)
20. [WHAT DO I NEED TO DO TO RETURN MY VOTED BALLOT?](#)
21. [MY STATE ALLOWS ME TO RETURN MY VOTED BALLOT ELECTRONICALLY --SHOULD I USE THAT OPTION?](#)
22. [WHAT'S THE BEST WAY TO MAIL IN MY VOTED BALLOT?](#)
23. [I'M CONCERNED I WON'T GET MY BLANK BALLOT IN TIME, WHAT SHOULD I DO?](#)

IV. USING FWAB OR "BACK UP" BALLOT:

24. [I HAVEN'T RECEIVED MY BLANK BALLOT YET, WHAT SHOULD I DO?](#)

V. FEDERAL TAX

25. [IF I REGISTER TO VOTE IN US ELECTIONS, WILL THAT CAUSE THE IRS TO COME CALLING?](#)

VI. VOTING IN STATE AND LOCAL ELECTIONS:

26. [CAN I VOTE IN STATE AND LOCAL ELECTIONS IF I LIVE OUTSIDE THE US?](#)
27. [WHAT ARE THE STATE INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES IF I INDICATE ON MY FPCA FORM THAT I "INTEND TO RETURN"?](#)
28. [MY STATE SENDS ME A FULL BALLOT WITH BOTH STATE AND FEDERAL ELECTIONS. CAN I PROTECT MYSELF FROM STATE INCOME TAX LIABILITY IF I ONLY VOTE FOR THE FEDERAL OFFICES?](#)

VII. STUDY ABROAD

29. I'M STUDYING ABROAD FOR ONLY ONE SEMESTER, SHOULD I SEND IN THE FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION (FPCA) TO REGISTER TO VOTE OR WAIT UNTIL I GET BACK TO THE U.S.
30. I'M ALREADY REGISTERED TO VOTE, DO I NEED TO SEND IN THE FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION (FPCA) TO REQUEST MY BALLOT WHILE I'M STUDYING ABROAD?
31. WHAT SHOULD I USE AS MY "US VOTING ADDRESS"?
32. IF I SEND IN THE FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION (FPCA), WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I RETURN TO THE U.S.?
33. WHAT HAPPENS IF I FORGET TO UPDATE MY ADDRESS AFTER I MOVE BACK TO THE U.S. AND I GET AN OVERSEAS BALLOT?

VIII. OTHER ISSUES

34. SHOULD I BOTHER TO VOTE--WILL MY OVERSEAS BALLOT BE COUNTED?