

Military & Overseas Voter Information

The Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) of 1986 (42 USC 1973ff) and the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment (MOVE) Act of 2009 as amended protect the voting rights of:

- members of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard;
- members of the Merchant Marine;
- members of the United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps;
- members of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Commissioned Corps;
- members on activated status of the National Guard or state militia;
- eligible spouses or dependents; and
- eligible U.S. citizens living outside of the territorial limits of the U.S. or the District of Columbia.

For active duty members of the Armed Forces, Merchant Marine, U.S. Public Health Service, NOAA, National Guard or state militia, and their eligible spouses/dependents.

You may register to vote and request a vote-by-mail ballot with the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA, Form 76). This application form is accepted by all states and territories and is postage-paid in the U.S. mail, including the Military Postal System and State Department Pouch mail. If in the military service, hard copies of the FPCA can also be obtained from your installation's Voting Assistance Officer. An online version of the FPCA is available with complete instructions and mailing information at the [Federal Voting Assistance Program](#) website.

For United States citizens living outside the U.S. or the District of Columbia.

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Please note: According to California Elections Code (EC) § 3102, 3105(f) and CA Assembly Bills 1805, 1417, and 1589 a military or overseas voter who qualifies may register to vote and apply for a vote-by-mail ballot via mail, fax, or email through their county elections office. EC § 3102(b)(c) states that an application (Federal Post Card Application, FPCA, Form 76) by a military and overseas voter shall be deemed an affidavit of voter registration and an application for permanent vote-by-mail (PVBM) status. A voter will retain their PVBM voter status and a vote-by-mail ballot to vote in subsequent elections will be transmitted according to the voter's choice on the FPCA form. However, if the PVBM voter fails to vote in four consecutive general elections, the voter will lose his/her status as a PVBM voter and must reapply for permanent vote by mail status (EC § 3206).

EC § 3106(a) allows a military and overseas voter to return their vote-by-mail ballot by facsimile transmission along with the required Standard Oath of Voter form accompanying the outgoing ballot. **CA Elections Code does not permit returning voted ballots via email.** If residing in voting jurisdictions other than San Diego County, the voter should contact the county in which they resided prior to their departure from the United States to register to vote and get voting information.

Contact Information

Secretary of State Elections Division

1500 11th Street, 5th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Monday-Friday
8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. PST

(800) 345-VOTE
(916) 657-2166
Fax: (916) 653-3214
E-Mail: mov@sos.ca.gov

Federal Voting Assistance Program Department of Defense

1155 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-1155

Monday-Friday
8:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. EST

Toll-free: (800) 438-VOTE (8683)
Commercial: (703) 588-1584
DSN: 425-1584
E-Mail: www.fvap.gov

San Diego County Registrar of Voters

5600 Overland Avenue, Suite 100
San Diego, CA 92123

Monday-Friday
8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. PST

Toll-free: (800) 696-0136
(858) 565-5800
Fax: (858) 694-2955 or (858) 505-7294
E-Mail: ROVMail@sdcountry.ca.gov

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