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**EMBASSY CLOSURES AND CONTACT INFO**

The Consular Section will be closed **October 4th** for **Peace and Reconciliation Day**, and **October 10th** for **Columbus Day**.

Consular Section: tel: 21 492 797, fax: 21 490 448, email: [consularmaputo@state.gov](mailto:consularmaputo@state.gov).

In the event of an emergency involving a U.S. citizen, please contact the Consular Section immediately at **21 49 2797 x3439** or **21 49 0723** during non business hours.

For American Citizen Services, please make an appointment using our online system located at: <http://maputo.usembassy.gov/service.html>

Encourage your fellow Citizen's to register with the Embassy at <http://www.travel.state.gov>.



**GETTING A DRIVER'S LICENSE IN MOZAMBIQUE**

A U.S. citizen may drive in Mozambique with a U.S. license for a period of 90 days from the day they arrive/ reside in Mozambique. After 90 days it is necessary to exchange the U.S. license for a Mozambican license. Alternatively, one can drive with an International Driving Permit however recent laws have mandated permanent residents of Mozambique should have a Mozambican license.

To exchange your U.S. license for a Mozambican license go to the Serviços de Viação and follow these steps:

1. Present your Mozambican permanent residency card ("Dire");
2. Complete "Modelo 19" (request for driver license exchange) and have it notarized by a Mozambican notary;
3. Have your U.S. driver license translated into Portuguese by an official and sworn translator in Mozambique (a partial list is available at [maputo.usembassy.gov](http://maputo.usembassy.gov));
4. Make a certified copy or an affidavit of your U.S. license, done at the U.S. Embassy for \$50.
5. Pay the local fee in Meticaís. (500MT –subject to change)
6. Pass a written exam (in Portuguese)
7. You may have to submit a Registo Criminal, which is a certificate from the local police stating you have no criminal record.
8. A medical examination might be required.

**HOW DO I REGISTER TO VOTE, OR APPLY FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT?**

Visit the Federal Voting Assistance website: <http://www.fvap.gov/>

You may register and request an absentee ballot with a single form: The Federal Post Card Application. 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. Hard copies of the form can be obtained from a U.S. embassy or consulate or requested directly from the Federal Voting Assistance Program by [contacting us](#).

An [online version](#) of the Voter Registration/Absentee Ballot Request form is also available. The online version of the form must be mailed in an envelope with proper postage, or mailed using our prepaid return envelope.

Your Voter Registration/Absentee Ballot Request form must be completed, printed, signed, dated and [mailed directly to your local election official](#).

**YOU MAY MAIL YOUR BALLOT OR REGISTRATION THROUGH THE EMBASSY.**

There are no provisions for in-person voting or on-site registration at U.S. embassies or consulates. U.S. embassy and consular officials can assist U.S. citizens in completing the Voter Registration/Absentee Ballot Request form or other election materials for their state, witness election materials (if required), and provide other absentee voting information.

You may mail election materials from U.S. embassies and consulates. Remember to make sure that all election material is postmarked.]

**WHERE DO I SEND MY VOTER REGISTRATION OR BALLOT REQUEST?**

Your Voter Registration/Absentee Ballot request form must be completed, printed, signed, dated and [mailed directly to your local election official](#). These officials will handle the processing and distribution of your absentee ballots and may need to contact you for further information or clarification. To facilitate this process, please provide a current email address, phone and fax number on your application.

When mailed from any U.S. post office, U.S. embassy or consulate, or APO/FPO mail facility, the hardcopy voter registration/absentee ballot form is postage-paid. In order to receive free postage, the online version of the form must be mailed in an envelope printed with our [postage-paid envelope template](#). You may mail the completed form in an envelope with proper postage affixed. Ensure that your form is postmarked (see postmarking instructions below) and sent to arrive before your state's specific deadline. You must pay postage if the materials are mailed from a non-U.S. postal facility.

It is recommended that voted ballots be mailed from your location outside the U.S. rather than be given to another individual to be placed in the U.S. postal system. If the ballot is postmarked from any location inside the U.S. your local election official may not count your ballot.

**DIVERSITY VISA LOTTERY PROGRAM**

The congressionally mandated Diversity Immigrant Visa Program makes available up to 55,000 diversity visas (DVs) annually, drawn from random selection among all entries to persons who meet strict eligibility requirements from countries with low rates of immigration to the United States.



Mozambique currently has very low rates of registration. Please direct any Mozambican friends who may be interested to the Department's travel website: <http://www.travel.state.gov/>

The online registration period for the 2013 Diversity Visa Program (DV-2013) will begin at [www.dvlottery.state.gov](http://www.dvlottery.state.gov) on Tuesday, October 4, 2011, at noon, Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) (GMT-4), and conclude on Saturday, November 5, 2011, at noon, Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) (GMT-4).