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The consular section will be closed **Monday, September 3** for Labor Day, **Friday, September 7** for Lusaka Agreement Day and **Tuesday September 25** for Revolution Day.

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. Please remember that in case of an emergency, no matter what day or time, there is always someone available to assist you.

ELECTION COUNTDOWN

67 DAYS

ABSENTEE VOTER FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

<http://www.fvap.gov>

Do I have to be registered to vote absentee?

Registration requirements vary from State to State. Most States and territories require registration to vote absentee. Voter registration and absentee ballot request can be done at the same time by submitting the [Federal Post Card Application \(FPCA\)](#) and can be easily and automatically completed by using the FPCA wizard at [FVAP.gov](#). If you are already registered to vote and only wish to request a ballot, you should submit your FPCA as soon as possible.

Where do I send my voter registration / absentee ballot request?

Your request form must be completed, printed, signed, dated and [mailed directly to your local election official](#). Some States allow your request to be faxed or email to your local election office. 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 should I receive my ballot?

States and territories are required to mail ballots at least 45 days before an election. If you have not received your ballot 30 days before the election, contact your local election official (contact information available on most [State election sites](#)). If you encounter problems contacting your local election official, contact us. Always complete and return your absentee ballot regardless of when you receive it, even if you have already submitted a [back-up Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot](#) (explanation below). Your local election official will ensure that only one of the ballots is counted.

Where is my "legal voting residence"?

For voting purposes, "legal voting residence" can be the State or territory where you last resided prior to entering military service OR the State or territory that you have since claimed as your legal residence.

Even though you may no longer maintain formal ties to that residence, the address determines your proper voting jurisdiction. To claim a new legal residence, you must have simultaneous physical presence and the intent to return to that location as your primary residence.

Military and their family members may change their legal residence every time they change permanent duty stations, or they may retain their legal residence without change. This may mean that the family's Uniformed Service member has a different legal voting residence than his/her family members. A Judge Advocate General officer or legal counsel should be consulted before legal residence is changed because there are usually other factors that should be considered besides voting.

What happens if I do not receive a ballot from my local election office?

If you requested an absentee ballot but have not received one close to Election Day, you can still vote by using the back-up Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB).

In order to be eligible to use this back-up ballot, you must:

- Be absent from your voting residence;
- Have applied for a regular ballot early enough so the request is received by the appropriate local election official not later than the State deadline; or the date that is 30 days before the general election; AND
- Have not received the requested regular absentee ballot from the State.

BECOMING A FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER

Register for the FSOT

The Foreign Service Officer Selection process begins with online registration, proceeds through the selection process, and for those who succeed, culminates in hiring from the register for assignment to an A-100 course, the training and orientation course that marks the beginning of every Foreign Service Officer career.

The U.S. Embassy is please to announce they will host the Foreign Service Officer written exam in October. If you are a U.S. who is interested in a career in the Foreign Service please visit the Department of State's website to register for the test.

<http://careers.state.gov/officer/selection-process>

REGISTER WITH THE U.S. EMBASSY

Chances are if you are receiving this newsletter, you have already registered with the U.S. Embassy. However many U.S. citizens have not done so! Please get out the word among your family, friends and colleagues. You do not have to be in Mozambique to register, you can do it before you leave as long as you have access to the internet.

Registration is quick and easy! Just visit <http://www.travel.state.gov>.

