

Warden Message – U.S. Embassy, Quito, Ecuador

Overseas Voters Have Eight Weeks until the General Election

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The U.S. Embassy in Quito wishes to inform American citizens living or traveling in Ecuador that there are only eight weeks until the November 2nd general election. If you have not already requested your absentee ballot, you may do so immediately. You can go to FVAP.gov and use the online registration and absentee ballot assistant to have your forms completed, printed out, and ready to send back home in less than 10 minutes.

States begin mailing ballots September 18, 45 days before the general election. However, due to mail delays, you may not get your ballot in time to vote, return it and have it counted. Therefore, you should not delay - submit your absentee ballot application today.

If you do not receive your ballot by October 2, you can use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) as your back-up ballot. Go to FVAP.gov and use our automated assistant to complete the FWAB. For each office for which you vote, write in either a candidate's name or their party designation; check your State election website for candidate information, which generally is available 45 days before the election. If you receive your state ballot after submitting the FWAB, vote and return the state ballot as well. The state will only count your FWAB if your state ballot is not received by the deadline.

Additional information

For more information, visit FVAP at: www.fvap.gov.

If you would like more information on the Federal Voting Assistance Program or need help with the absentee voting process, please contact FVAP at www.fvap.gov, 1-800-438-8683, DSN (312) 425-1584, or at vote@fvap.gov. Toll-free phone numbers from 67 countries are listed at: www.fvap.gov/contact/tollfreephone.html. With your feedback, we can make this even more helpful for the next election.

Helpful links:

- U.S. Embassy, Quito Voting Information Site: <http://ecuador.usembassy.gov/service/living-in-ecuador/voting-overseas.html>
- Federal Voting Assistance Program: <http://www.fvap.gov/>
- National Voter Registration form: http://www.eac.gov/voter_resources/register_to_vote.aspx
- U.S. Election Assistance Commission: <http://www.eac.gov>
- Overseas Vote Foundation: <https://www.overseasvotefoundation.org/>
 - OVF on Twitter: <http://twitter.com/ythvoteoverseas>

- OVF in Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Youth-Vote-Overseas/110570138939>
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Americans living or traveling in Ecuador are encouraged to register with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate through the State Department's travel registration website <https://travelregistration.state.gov>, and to obtain updated information on travel and security within Ecuador.

U.S. citizens should consult the [Country Specific Information](#) for Ecuador and the latest Travel Alerts and Warnings and Worldwide Caution at the Department's web site at <http://travel.state.gov>. Updated information on travel and security in Ecuador may also be obtained from the Department of State by calling 1-888-407-4747 within the United States or by calling 1-202-501-4444 outside the United States.

The U.S. Embassy in Quito is located at Avigiras E12-170 y Eloy Alfaro. The hours and telephone number for American Citizen Service enquiries is (011) 593-2-398-5000. Within the same city use the last seven digits. Add the city code for intercity telephone calls. Public call-in hours are Monday through Thursday 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. and Friday 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

The U.S. Consulate General in Guayaquil is located at the corner of Avenida 9 de Octubre and Garcia Moreno (near the Hotel Oro Verde); telephone (011-593-4) 232-3570 during business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) or 232-1152 for after-hours emergencies; fax (011-593-4) 232-0904. See the Consulate General web site at <http://guayaquil.usconsulate.gov/>.