

**Message for U.S. Citizens – U.S. Embassy, Quito, Ecuador**  
**New Voter Registration and Ballot Request Now Available for Voting Abroad**  
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From the Federal Voting Assistance Program:

The online electronic version of the revised Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) is available now at [FVAP.gov](http://FVAP.gov). The FPCA registers and requests ballots for voters simultaneously. Voters can visit [FVAP.gov](http://FVAP.gov) to use the online wizard or access the PDF fillable forms. The FPCA is a standard form accepted by all 55 States and Territories for uniformed and civilian overseas voters to apply for an absentee ballot. The length of time the FPCA is valid and its completion requirements vary by State so be sure to refer to the [FVAP.gov](http://FVAP.gov) web portal or the 2012-2013 [Voting Assistance Guide](#).

Previous versions of the form can be used by voters; however, be sure to use the current state information from [FVAP.gov](http://FVAP.gov) to ensure your local election official receives all the information required to register you and send you ballot to you. Voting Assistance Officers should send voters to [FVAP.gov](http://FVAP.gov) whenever possible and go through [proper channels](#) to obtain hardcopy forms. Overseas citizens groups should also stress using the online wizards to simplify form completion, but can [contact FVAP directly](#) to acquire hardcopy forms.

Voters should apply for absentee ballots in January of each year or at least 90 days before the specific election in which they want to vote. If your mailing address changes, especially between the Primary and General Elections, you will need to send in an updated FPCA.

[A complete 2012 election calendar is available here.](#)

All States and territories are required to send ballots at least 45 days before an election. If you have not received your ballot 30 days before the election, go to the [FVAP.gov](http://FVAP.gov) web portal to see if your state has an online ballot delivery system. If not, you can use the back-up write-in ballot wizard also on the [FVAP.gov](http://FVAP.gov) web portal.

Additionally, the 2012-2013 [Voting Assistance Guide](#) is now available at [FVAP.gov](http://FVAP.gov). This compilation of absentee voting regulations, laws, deadlines, and procedures reflects the States' changes and deadlines for the upcoming elections. An addendum to the guide providing Voting Assistance Officers with steps to offering voting assistance required by Wounded Warriors and other voters with disabilities will be available at [FVAP.gov](http://FVAP.gov) next month.

*If you'd like more information on the Federal Voting Assistance Program or need help with the absentee voting process please go to [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov) or contact the FVAP at 703-588-1584 (toll free 1-800-438-VOTE) or email the program at [VOTE@FVAP.GOV](mailto:VOTE@FVAP.GOV). And don't forget to "like" us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/DoDFVAP> and follow [@FVAP](#) on Twitter to receive timely election information.*

Americans living or traveling in Ecuador are encouraged to enroll with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate in order to obtain updated information on travel and security within Ecuador through the [Department of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program](#).

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 website](#). 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 telephone number for American Citizen Service (ACS) inquiries 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.
- For after-hours emergencies, contact the Embassy at (011 593-2) 398-5200.
- Appointments for ACS are available through our [website](#).

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).

- The telephone number for ACS inquiries is (011-593-4) 232-3570 during business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or 232-1152 for after-hours emergencies.

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