



**Transcript for the October 17, 2012
Voting Assistance WEBCHAT**

Q. Hi, I have missed the deadline to register to vote in my state of Hawaii due to illness. Is there any way I can still vote by absentee vote. Many thanks

A. We recommend that you go online to www.fvap.gov, and even if the deadline has passed you can still submit a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) and a Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB). It will be up to the Board of Elections in Hawaii whether they will still accept your registration.

Q. What documents are required if I want to apply for US visa from the UK.

A. Unfortunately, we can't answer visa questions during this webchat, but we will be hosting another chat on the 25th October, stop by then and we will try to assist you.

Q. Hello, i have e-mailed Oklahoma for registering but up to now i have not heard anything i'm now worried that won't be able to vote? is there any emergency vote system for someone like me, what can I do? Looking forward hearing from you.

A. If you have requested an absentee ballot but haven't received it, go to www.FVAP.gov to complete a Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB) and follow the instructions for your state for the most expeditious way of returning it. If you later receive your regular absentee ballot, vote and return it immediately. Local election officials will count just one ballot per voter, and will use the regular ballot if received by your state's ballot receipt deadline.

Q. I have always received my voting pack from Wayne, Michigan but I haven't gotten it yet. Is this normal or should I try to find out why it hasn't arrived?

A. If you registered to vote in the U.S. but did not request an absentee ballot, you can contact the Voting Registrar for your county to request a ballot be sent to your address abroad. It is a matter for the voting registrar in the county where you are registered to send you the ballot.

Q. Can I just vote at the Embassy on Election Day?

A. No, you can't cast your vote at the Embassy. If you are outside the United States, you must register and apply for an absentee ballot from the state where you last resided. Go to www.fvap.gov for further information on the regulations for your state.

Q. Can I come to the Embassy to see the results coming in?

A. No, unfortunately there are no public events at the Embassy on Election Night. There may be other institutions running events, we suggest that you do a quick internet search to see if there are any in your area.



Q. I last lived in California and the date to register is really soon, can I still register and have it get there in time?

A. The deadline to register to vote in California is October 22. You must complete a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) in order to register and request an absentee ballot, and at this late date, you also complete and submit a Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB). Go to www.fvap.gov to complete the forms in accordance with California state instructions.

Q. I don't have a printer; can I just submit my registration online?

A. No, you must print off and sign the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) and then return it to the state where you are registering. Some states will allow you to return the FPCA by email; you should scan the form and send it as an attachment. Please check your state instructions in the 2012 Voting Assistance Guide available on www.fvap.gov

Q. I last resided in Connecticut but they need my vote more in another state, can I just register there?

A. No, the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UCAVA) states that you have to register to vote in the state where you last resided. You will be required to provide your last address in the United States when registering and applying for the absentee ballot.

Q. I only lived in Washington D.C. for a couple of months before coming to the UK, does that make Washington D.C. my last place of residence?

A. The UCOAVA states your "legal state of residence" for voting purposes is the address where you last resided immediately prior to your departure from the U.S. This residence remains valid even though the citizen may no longer own property or have other ties to their last state residence and their intent to return to that state may be uncertain.

Q. Can I bring my voted ballot to the Embassy to send to the United States?

A. Yes, but you should get the ballot to the Embassy on or before the 19th October, to ensure that there is enough time for it to be sent to the U.S. It takes approximately 10 working days to reach the U.S. While we will accept the ballot after this date, we cannot guarantee delivery in time. Therefore you may wish to consider using a courier or express mail delivery service.

Q. If I vote in this General Election, will I be liable for U.S. taxes?

A. Voting in an election for Federal offices only may not be used as the sole basis to determine residency for the purposes of imposing state and local taxes. If you claim a particular state as your residence and have other ties with that state in addition to voting, then you may be liable for state and local taxation, depending upon that particular state law.



Q. I've requested a ballot, but haven't received it. Help!

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