

Application with Missing Information

If an FPCA is missing information required for registration, the county voter registrar must notify the applicant in writing. If the information is provided before the deadline, the applicant is entitled to receive an absentee ballot. If the missing information is submitted after the deadline for the election, the applicant will only be eligible to receive absentee ballots for future elections that occur within the next two election cycles.

Counting Your Ballot

In Georgia an absentee ballot must be received by the absentee ballot clerk no later than 7:00 p.m. on Election Day, **OR** be postmarked by Election Day and received within three days following the election. While the request for an absentee ballot can be faxed, the voted ballot must be **mailed and received** by the deadline.

Locating Your County's Contact Information

Up-to-date county contact information is available on the Secretary of State website: www.sos.ga.gov/elections/



2009/2010 Election Event Dates

Elections	Voter Registration Deadline	Election Date
Special Election	February 17, 2009	March 17, 2009
Runoff Date	February 17, 2009	April 14, 2009
Special Election	May 18, 2009	June 16, 2009
Runoff Date	May 18, 2009	July 14, 2009
Special Election	August 17, 2009	September 15, 2009
Runoff Date	August 17, 2009	October 13, 2009
General /Special Election	October 5, 2009	November 3, 2009
Runoff Date	October 5, 2009	December 1, 2009
Elections	Voter Registration Deadline	Election Date
Special Election	February 16, 2010	March 16, 2010
Runoff Date	February 16, 2010	April 13, 2010
General Primary /Special Election	June 21, 2010	July 20, 2010
Runoff Date	June 21, 2010	August 10, 2010
Special Election	August 23, 2010	September 21, 2010
Runoff Date	August 23, 2010	October 19, 2010
General/Non Partisan /Special Election	October 4, 2010	November 2, 2010
Runoff Date	October 4, 2010	November 30, 2010



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Military and Overseas Citizens

VOTING IN GEORGIA



Your Georgia Voting Rights Extend
All Over the Globe

It is our duty to ensure that all citizens, particularly military personnel serving our country overseas, have the opportunity to participate in elections. As a U.S. citizen, no matter where you may be living on Election Day, you are guaranteed the right to cast a ballot.

This brochure provides information on Federal guidelines that guarantee your rights as a military or overseas citizen to register and vote. Please contact our office at 404-656-2871 or visit our website at www.sos.ga.gov/elections for more information.

Overseas Voting

If you are a military or overseas citizen living outside the United States on Election Day, standard procedures apply to your voter registration and absentee ballot application. However, there are Federal provisions to expedite delivery of ballots to those who are members of the U.S. Armed Forces (Navy, Army, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard), Merchant Marine, Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. These provisions also apply to their family members, and those citizens who reside outside of the United States.

Who is Eligible?

You are eligible to complete a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) if you are qualified to vote in Georgia and are:

- A member of the U.S. Armed Forces or the spouse or dependent of such member;
- A member of the U.S. Merchant Marines or the spouse or dependent of such member; or
- A U.S. citizen domiciled in Georgia but temporarily living outside the territorial limits of the United States.
- A U.S. citizen permanently residing overseas (Federal ballot only).

Georgia Residency

To request an absentee ballot using the FPCA, you must provide your address of residency in Georgia.

On the FPCA, you will need to provide either your previous Georgia address or the current address you use as your residence. Be sure to also supply the alternate address where you want your ballot mailed.

Permanent Overseas Citizens

A U.S. citizen whose most recent residence was Georgia and is now a permanent overseas citizen is only authorized to vote for presidential electors, U.S. Senators and U.S. Representatives. Permanent overseas citizens are considered residents of the precinct in which the courthouse is located in the county where the voter last resided. The FPCA must be submitted to the voter registration office in the county where the voter most recently lived.

Federal Post Card Application

Under Federal law, the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) allows military and overseas citizens to register to vote and apply for an absentee ballot by filling out just one form. The FPCA provides applicants with absentee ballots for two general election cycles including presidential preference primaries. Eligible voters may obtain an FPCA from the following:

Georgia Secretary of State www.sos.ga.gov/elections/uocava

Federal Voting Assistance Program

www.fvap.gov or 800-438-VOTE

Voting assistance officers in their branch of service

U.S. Consulate or Embassy

Overseas Vote Foundation

Nonpartisan Voter Registration, Ballot Request and Help Desk Services for U.S. Overseas Citizens and Uniformed Services Members and Families.

A voter friendly [online form](#) and [Q&A](#) is available at:

www.overseasvotefoundation.org.



Submitting Your Application

The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) serves as both a voter registration application and a request for an absentee ballot. If you are registering to vote, the application must be submitted with an original signature via mail. If you are already registered, you may request an absentee ballot by submitting the FPCA by mail, fax or emailed to the county voter registration office up to 180 days prior to a primary or election. Please be sure to send it at least 45 days before an election to ensure your ballot can be returned before the legal deadline. Once you have submitted the FPCA form, you are officially a registered voter and will automatically be issued absentee ballots for the next two General Election cycles. Please notify your county voter registration office of any changes to your address.

Primary Voting

Applicants who request an absentee ballot for a primary election must indicate which political party's primary and runoff ballot they would like to receive.

