

NEW JERSEY

Absentee Voting Guide

FOR UNIFORMED SERVICES AND U.S. CITIZENS OVERSEAS

Website: www.state.nj.us/lps/elections/electionshome.html

Link to state election website is also available through FVAP website at www.fvap.gov

Presidential Primary Date: February 5, 2008

State Primary Date: June 3, 2008

General Election Date: November 4, 2008

DEADLINES FOR UNIFORMED SERVICES*	Presidential Primary (or preference)	State Primary	General Election
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*Special conditions may apply; check the following pages for details.

State information is current as of June 2008. Check the state election website above, the FVAP Website at www.fvap.gov, or contact your Voting Assistance Officer for updates.

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Circled letters on the form below correspond to the instructions on the following page. You must complete all shaded areas.

FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION

REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST - FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION (FPCA)

1. I REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR ALL ELECTIONS IN WHICH I AM ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AND I AM (mark only one):

- (a) A MEMBER OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES OR MERCHANT MARINE ON ACTIVE DUTY, OR AN ELIGIBLE SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT
- (b) A U.S. CITIZEN RESIDING OUTSIDE THE U.S. TEMPORARILY
- (c) A U.S. CITIZEN RESIDING OUTSIDE THE U.S. INDEFINITELY

2. MY INFORMATION (Required)

a. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME (Last, First, Middle)				SUFFIX (Jr., Sr., III, etc.)		b. PREVIOUS NAME (if applicable)	
c. SEX <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F		d. RACE	e. DATE OF BIRTH M M D D Y Y Y Y		f. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER		
h. TELEPHONE NUMBER (No DSN number; include all international prefixes)				i. FAX NUMBER (No DSN number; include all international prefixes)			
j. EMAIL ADDRESS							

3. MY VOTING RESIDENCE ADDRESS (For military, use legal residence. For overseas citizens, use last legal residence in U.S.) (Required)

a. NUMBER AND STREET (Cannot be a P.O. Box)							
b. CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE			c. COUNTY		d. STATE		e. ZIP CODE

4. WHERE TO SEND MY VOTING MATERIALS

a. MY CURRENT ADDRESS (Where I live now) (Required)				b. MY FORWARDING ADDRESS (Complete 4.b. only if you do not want your ballot mailed to the address in Block 4.a.)			
c. I PREFER TO RECEIVE MY ABSENTEE BALLOT, AS PERMITTED BY MY STATE, BY:				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MAIL		<input type="checkbox"/> FAX	
				<input type="checkbox"/> MAIL		<input type="checkbox"/> FAX	
				<input type="checkbox"/> MAIL		<input type="checkbox"/> FAX	
				<input type="checkbox"/> MAIL		<input type="checkbox"/> FAX	

5. MY POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE (Optional, but may be required by states to register to vote in primary elections):

6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Designate the period for which you want to receive ballots — see instructions for Block 6 paragraph (3). Consult the Voting Assistance Guide for other specific state instructions.)

7. AFFIRMATION (required)

I swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that:

- I am a member of the Uniformed Services or merchant marine on active duty or an eligible spouse or dependent of such a member, or a U.S. citizen temporarily residing outside the U.S., or other U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S., and
- I am a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age (or will be by the day of the election), eligible to vote in the requested jurisdiction, and
- I have not been convicted of a felony or other disqualifying offense or been adjudicated mentally incompetent, or if so, my voting rights have been reinstated, and
- I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S., and
- My signature and date below indicate when I completed this document, and
- The information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that a material misstatement of fact in completion of this document may constitute grounds for conviction of perjury.

Signed: _____ Date: _____ Signed: _____ Date: _____

(Witness/Notary and address (if required))

SAMPLE FORM

I. APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR FPCA

The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) is the primary form for requesting registration and/or an absentee ballot from your local election official. **Read all instructions printed below and on the FPCA before completing and signing your application.** Circled letters correspond to the circled letters on the sample form on the preceding page.

- A Block 2.f and 2.g:** Your New Jersey Driver's License number is required for voter registration. If you do not have a New Jersey Driver's License, you must provide the last four digits of your Social Security Number. If you do not possess either of these identifications, the state shall assign a number that will serve to identify you for voter registration purposes.
- B Block 3.a through 3.e:** Provide the complete street address of your New Jersey voting residence. A post office box is not sufficient. If your address includes a rural route, describe its location in Block 6. For example: "on Highway _____, 2 miles past Highway _____, across the street from the _____ gas station." This address must be different from the one provided in Block 4 and must be within the county where you claim legal voting residence.
- C Block 4.a:** Print the complete address where you want your ballot sent — usually your current mailing address. Your current mailing address must be different from the address you provided in Block 3.
- D Block 4.c:** See Section II.D. or III.D.
- E Block 6:** Submission of this form serves as a request to receive ballots for all Federal elections held through the next two regularly scheduled general elections. If you do not wish to receive ballots for that length of time, you may request a ballot for each election for Federal office held in the next election year OR a ballot for only the next scheduled election for Federal office by noting your choice here.
- F Block 7:** You must sign and date the FPCA. When signing, you are swearing or affirming that the information is true and correct.

II. UNIFORMED SERVICES

These procedures apply to persons who are U.S. citizens, residents of New Jersey and members of the Uniformed Services and their family members. Uniformed Services are defined as the U.S. Armed Forces, merchant marine, commissioned corps of the Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

A. Registering and Requesting an Absentee Ballot

You should send an FPCA to your local election official early every year and whenever you change your mailing address (see Chapter Two).

If you want an absentee ballot sent to you by airmail, the County Clerk must receive your FPCA request not later than 30 days before the election. (See Section D below for a later deadline if using electronic transmission.)

If you want a Federal office ballot sent to you by fax, the County Clerk must receive your FPCA request not later than 4 days before the election. (See Section D below for more details.)

B. Casting Your Vote

Ballot Return Deadline: Voted ballot must arrive at the county board of elections office by the **close of polls on election day.**

County Clerks mail absentee ballots as far as practicable, 40 days before the election.

If you have not received your ballot from the state in a timely manner, for a general election for Federal office, you may use the **Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot.** See instructions in Chapter Two.

C. Notary/Witness Requirements

No registration or voting materials are notarized or witness.

D. Electronic Transmission of FPCAs and Ballots

- New Jersey allows you to send the FPCA request for an absentee ballot for Federal offices by fax or email. You must also submit the original FPCA by airmail to the appropriate County Clerk.
- New Jersey allows you to receive the blank Federal office ballot by fax or email. If you wish to receive the blank Federal office ballot by fax or email, the County Clerk must receive your FPCA not later than 4 days before the election.
- New Jersey allows you to return the voted ballot by fax or email, not later than 8 p.m. (EST) on election day. You must also submit the original ballot by airmail together with certification.

Please refer to Appendix B for specific instructions when transmitting election materials electronically. **Use the following numbers:**

DSN 223-5527
(703) 693-5527

1-800-368-8683

(from U.S., Canada, Guam, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands only)

International toll-free fax numbers

(See inside back cover)

E. Application for Ballot by Proxy

Your friends or relatives may apply for an absentee ballot on your behalf by requesting an “Application by Relative or Friend of a Military Service Voter” form from your County Clerk.

F. Bars to Registration and Voting

Any person who has been declared to be mentally disqualified from voting, by a court of competent jurisdiction; or a person who is serving a sentence, is on probation or parole, as a result of a conviction for an indictable offense under the laws of this or another state or of the U.S., may not register to vote.

G. Late Registration

Discharged military personnel (including their spouses and dependents) and released civilians attached to or serving with the Armed Forces (including their spouses and dependents) who return to New Jersey too late to register on the last registration day before any election may still register and obtain an emergency voting form at the office of the county commissioner of registration, if individual was previously registered to vote in New Jersey. If individual was not previously registered to vote, he or she may obtain an emergency voting form by first showing this discharge or a certification of service to the county commissioner of registration.

III. CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

The following procedures apply to persons who are U.S. citizens, residents of New Jersey and overseas Federal election voters. The term “overseas Federal election voter(s)” means a U.S. citizen who resides outside the U.S., and (but for such residence) would be qualified to vote in New Jersey.

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IV. UNIFORMED SERVICES & CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

Where To Send It

If you are not currently registered to vote and are using the FPCA to register to vote and to request an absentee Ballot, or if you do not know the county of your former voting residence, mail your application to the New Jersey State Division of Elections at PO Box 304, Trenton, New Jersey 08625.

If you are requesting an absentee ballot, mail the FPCA to the **County Clerk** of the county in which you were formally registered.

County	Mailing Address
Atlantic	Atlantic County Clerk 5901 Main Street Mays Landing, NJ 08330-1797
Bergen	Bergen County Clerk One Bergen Plaza, Room 130 Hackensack, NJ 07601
Burlington	Burlington County Clerk Court Complex, PO Box 6000 49 Rancocas Road Mount Holly, NJ 08060-1397
Camden	Camden County Clerk Election Division, 6th Street Entrance Suite 316, PO Box 150 600 Market Street Camden, NJ 08101-0150

County	Mailing Address
Cape May	Cape May County Clerk 7 N. Main Street, PO Box 5000 Cape May Courthouse, NJ 08210-5000
Cumberland	Cumberland County Clerk PO Box 716, 60 W. Broad Street Bridgeton, NJ 08302-2665
Essex	Essex County Clerk 465 Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd, Room 247 Newark, NJ 07102-1795
Gloucester	Gloucester County Clerk Court House, 1st Floor P.O. Box 129 1 North Broad Street Woodbury, NJ 08096-3327
Hudson	Hudson County Clerk 583 Newark Avenue Jersey City, NJ 07306-2018
Hunterdon	Hunterdon County Clerk Hall of Records 71 Main Street P.O. Box 2900 Flemington, NJ 08822-2900
Mercer	Mercer County Clerk Court House PO Box 8068, 209 S. Broad Street Trenton, NJ 08650-8068
Middlesex	Middlesex County Clerk PO Box 1110, 75 Bayard Street, 4th Fl. New Brunswick, NJ 08901-1110
Monmouth	Monmouth County Clerk 300 Halls Mill Road Freehold, NJ 07728-1254
Morris	Morris County Clerk PO Box 315, Court Street Morristown, NJ 07963-0315
Ocean	Ocean County Clerk Court House, Room 107 PO Box 2191, 118 Washington Street Toms River, NJ 08754-2191
Passaic	Passaic County Clerk 401 Grand Street Paterson, NJ 07505
Salem	Salem County Clerk 92 Market Street, PO Box 18 Salem, NJ 08079-1913
Somerset	Somerset County Clerk Administration Building PO Box 3000, 20 Grove Street Somerville, NJ 08876-1262
Sussex	Sussex County Clerk Hall of Records 83 Spring Street, Suite 304 Newton, NJ 07860
Union	Union County Clerk Court House, 1st Floor, Room 115 2 Broad Street Elizabeth, NJ 07207-6099
Warren	Warren County Clerk Court House 413 Second Street Belvidere, NJ 07823-1500

Show you care - VOTE!
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