

NEW MEXICO

Absentee Voting Guide

FOR UNIFORMED SERVICES AND U.S. CITIZENS OVERSEAS

Website: www.sos.state.nm.us

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

Democratic Party Presidential Caucus Date: February 5, 2008

Republican Party Presidential Primary Date: June 3, 2008

State Primary Date: June 3, 2008

General Election Date: November 4, 2008

DEADLINES FOR UNIFORMED SERVICES*	Democratic Party Presidential Caucus**	Republican Party Presidential Primary	State Primary	General Election
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Ballot Request	January 21, 2008	May 30, 2008	May 30, 2008	October 31, 2008
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* Special conditions may apply; check the following pages for details.

**New Mexico allows *UOCAVA* absentee voters to participate in Caucuses.

State information is current as of September 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 type="checkbox"/> MAIL <input type="checkbox"/> FAX <input type="checkbox"/> EMAIL	

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 full Social Security number is required only if you are a first-time voter in New Mexico. If you do not have a Social Security number, your New Mexico Driver's License number is required for first-time voter registration. If you do not possess either of these identifications, New Mexico shall assign a number that will serve to identify you for voter registration purposes.
- B** **Block 3:** Provide the complete street address of your New Mexico 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 or township 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 5:** If you do not list a party affiliation, you cannot vote in primary elections. You must indicate your major political party affiliation when applying for a primary ballot (Example: Democrat, Republican, or other qualified major party) or write "none" in Block 5 of the FPCA. Political party affiliation is not required if only requesting absentee ballots for general elections. If you are currently registered and want to change your political party affiliation, you must submit a completed FPCA which indicates your new political party affiliation so that the local election official receives it no later than 28 days before the election in which you wish to vote.
- F** **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.

- G** **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 Mexico 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).

New Mexico waives your registration.

To request an absentee ballot, the local County Clerk must receive your FPCA not later than 5:00 p.m. the Friday before the election.

B. Casting Your Vote

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

Local election officials mail ballots approximately 40 days before the primary election, 49 days before the general election, and 35 days before a special election.

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

C. Notary/Witness Requirements

No registration or voting materials are notarized or witnessed.

D. Electronic Transmission of FPCAs and Ballots

- New Mexico allows you to send the FPCA for absentee ballot request by fax or email. After faxing or emailing, submit the FPCA by mail.
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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. Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)

New Mexico allows the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) to be used in a primary, general or special election where Federal offices will be elected. In order to be eligible to use the FWAB the County Clerk must receive the voter's request for a regular ballot not later than 5:00 p.m. the Friday before the election.

The FWAB can be used as a voter registration and absentee ballot request form in New Mexico if the voter is eligible to register and vote in the state. New Mexico waives your registration.

F. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons who have been convicted of a felony who have not been granted a pardon by the governor or have not served the entirety of their sentence, including a term of probation or parole, and those persons who have been judged mentally incompetent by a court of law may not register to vote.

G. Action Upon Denial of Registration or Absentee Ballot Request

Upon denial of your voter registration application or absentee ballot request, New Mexico shall provide you with the reason(s) for the rejection.

III. CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

These procedures apply to persons who are U.S. citizens, residents of New Mexico and overseas citizens. The term "overseas citizen" means a U.S. citizen who resides outside the U.S. and (but for such residence) would be qualified to vote in New Mexico.

- New Mexico residents temporarily residing outside the U.S. (for local, state and Federal office ballots)
- overseas citizens (for Federal office ballots only)

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Where To Send It

Mail the FPCA to the **County Clerk** of the county of voting residence as listed below:

County	Mailing Address
Bernalillo	Bernalillo County Clerk 1 Civic Plaza, NW, 6th Floor Albuquerque, NM 87102-2169
Catron	Catron County Clerk Box 197 Reserve, NM 87830-0197
Chaves	Chaves County Clerk Box 580 Roswell, NM 88202-0580
Cibola	Cibola County Clerk 515 High Street Grants, NM 87020

County	Mailing Address
Colfax	Colfax County Clerk Box 159 Raton, NM 87740-0159
Curry	Curry County Clerk PO Box 1168 Clovis, NM 88102-1168
De Baca	De Baca County Clerk Box 347 Fort Sumner, NM 88119-0347
Dona Ana	Dona Ana County Bureau of Elections Office of the County Clerk 845 N. Motel Blvd. Las Cruces, NM 88007
Eddy	Eddy County Clerk 101 West Greene St., Suite 312 Carlsbad, NM 88220
Grant	Grant County Clerk Box 898 Silver City, NM 88062-0898
Guadalupe	Guadalupe County Clerk 420 Parker Ave., Suite 1 Santa Rosa, NM 88435
Harding	Harding County Clerk 35 Pine Street Mosquero, NM 87733
Hidalgo	Hidalgo County Clerk 300 S. Shakespeare Street Lordsburg, NM 88045-1939
Lea	Lea County Clerk Box 1507 Lovington, NM 88260-1507
Lincoln	Lincoln County Clerk Box 338 Carrizozo, NM 88301-0338
Los Alamos	Los Alamos County Clerk 2300 Trinity Drive, Box 30 Los Alamos, NM 87544-0030
Luna	Luna County Clerk PO Box 1838 Deming, NM 88031-1838
McKinley	McKinley County Clerk Box 1268 Gallup, NM 87305-1268

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by Don Goodall, White Sands Missile Range, NM

County	Mailing Address
Mora	Mora County Clerk Box 360 Mora, NM 87732-0360
Otero	Otero County Clerk 1000 New York Avenue, Room 108 Alamogordo, NM 88310-6932
Quay	Quay County Clerk Box 1225 Tucumcari, NM 88401-1225
Rio Arriba	Rio Arriba County Clerk P O Box 158 Tierra Amarilla, NM 87575
Roosevelt	Roosevelt County Clerk Roosevelt County Court House, Room 106 Portales, NM 88130-5901
Sandoval	Sandoval County Clerk Box 40 Bernalillo, NM 87004-0040
San Juan	San Juan County Clerk Box 550 Aztec, NM 87410-0550
San Miguel	San Miguel County Clerk 500 West National Avenue Las Vegas, NM 87701-3703
Santa Fe	Santa Fe County Clerk Box 1985 Santa Fe, NM 87504-1985
Sierra	Sierra County Clerk 100 N. Date Street T or C, NM 87901-2398
Socorro	Socorro County Clerk Box I Socorro, NM 87801-0001
Taos	Taos County Clerk 105 Albirght Street, Suite G Taos, NM 87571

County	Mailing Address
Torrance	County Clerk Box 767 Estancia, NM 87106
Union	County Clerk Box 430 Clayton, NM 88415
Valencia	County Clerk Box 969 Los Lunas, NM 87031