

# District of Columbia

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<b>DEADLINES</b>	<b>Presidential Primary April 3, 2012</b>	<b>District Primary April 3, 2012</b>	<b>General Election November 6, 2012</b>
<b>Registration</b>	March 5, 2012	March 5, 2012	October 9, 2012
<b>Ballot Request</b>	March 27, 2012	March 27, 2012	October 30, 2012
<b>Ballot Return</b>	<b>Postmarked by:</b> April 3, 2012 <b>Received by:</b> April 13, 2012	<b>Postmarked by:</b> April 3, 2012 <b>Received by:</b> April 13, 2012	<b>Postmarked by:</b> November 6, 2012 <b>Received by:</b> November 16, 2012

**These are not mailing deadlines. Mail your voting materials early enough to account for mail delivery times. Check the Recommended Mailing Dates on the next page for details.**

Information is current as of January 2012. Check [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov) for updates.

## Registering and Requesting Your Absentee Ballot

The Federal Post Card Application registers you to vote and requests absentee ballots for any and all elections that fall within the election cycle in which the request was received, unless the voter requests absentee ballots for a different time period.

### Complete the Following Blocks of the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA):

**Block 1:** Select the category that describes you.

**Block 2:** To vote in primary elections, you must enter your political party affiliation. If you are a registered non-partisan or undeclared and want to change your political party affiliation, submit a completed FPCA indicating your new party preference. Political party affiliation is not required if only requesting absentee ballots for general elections.

**Block 3:** Name (Last, First, Middle)

**Block 4:** Date of Birth

Your valid District of Columbia Driver's License number OR the last four digits of your Social Security number is required for voter registration. If you do not possess either of these identification numbers, the District of Columbia shall assign a number that will serve to identify you for voter registration purposes.

**Block 5:** Recommended but not required. Provide your contact information to allow the District of Columbia to follow up if more information is required.

**Block 6:** The District of Columbia allows you to receive your blank ballot by mail, email, or fax. Please rank your preference of how you would like to receive your absentee ballot. Provide your email address or fax number in Block 5. If you do not make a selection, then your ballot will be mailed to you.

**Block 7:** Complete street address of your District of Columbia voting residence. A post office box is not sufficient. This address must be within the District of Columbia.

**Block 8:** Complete address where you want your ballot sent, usually where you live now.

**Block 9:** Provide any information that may assist your election official in accepting this application.

**Affirmation:** Sign and date. No witness or notary required.

### How and Where to Submit Your FPCA:

The District of Columbia allows you to submit the FPCA by mail, email or fax.

If you choose to mail your FPCA, mail the form directly to:

D.C. Board of Elections and Ethics  
441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 250 North  
Washington, DC 20001-2745

If you choose to email your FPCA, you should send the form as a signed, scanned attachment. Email directly to your local election office at: [uocava@dcboee.org](mailto:uocava@dcboee.org).

If you choose to fax your FPCA, it is recommended that you fax the form directly to the D.C. Board of Elections and

Ethics at (202) 347-2648. You may also use the DoD Electronic Transmission Service to fax your FPCA toll-free. To use the Electronic Transmission Service, use the cover sheet available in Chapter 1 or at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov), and fax to: (703) 693-5527, DSN 223-5527, or toll-free from the U.S., Canada, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands to 1-800-368-8683. International toll-free numbers can be found on the inside back cover or at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov).

### Follow-Up on Your FPCA:

To find out the status of your registration/absentee ballot request, refer to the links at <http://www.dcboee.org>.

Your jurisdiction will contact you if your application is denied.

### Voting By Citizens Who Have Never Lived in the U.S.

A U.S. citizen born abroad who is eligible to vote and has never lived in the U.S. and is not registered to vote anywhere else in the U.S. is eligible to vote at the same voting residence in the District of Columbia where a parent or guardian would be eligible to register and vote.

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## Voting Your Ballot

The District of Columbia sends absentee ballots no later than 45 days before the election.

**Voted ballots must be postmarked no later than the day of the election and must arrive no later than 10 days after the election.**

No witness or notary is required on voted ballots.

You may return the voted ballot by mail (or by email or fax with a statement that you relinquish your right to a secret ballot.) Use the FPCA fax instructions under “How and Where to Submit Your FPCA.”

Overseas uniformed service members and their family members with access to the Military Postal Service may use the “Prepaid Expedited Mail- Label 11-DOD”. This label is available at APO/FPO locations and can only be used for the general election. It provides expedited mail service up to seven days prior to the election. You can return your ballot with this label attached at any MPO/FPO, American embassy or consulate. A portion of the label is retained by you for tracking your ballot through the U.S. Postal Service. A portion of the label is retained by you for tracking your ballot through the U.S. Postal Service.

### Tracking Your Ballot

You may track the status of your ballot by clicking on the link at <http://www.dcboee.org>.

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## Recommended Mailing Dates for the November 2012 General Election

Send your FPCA by August 15, 2012 to ensure that you receive your ballot in time to vote and return it to be counted.

- Voters in Iraq, Afghanistan, ships at sea, and other overseas locations without access to the military postal system should send voted ballots by October 6, 2012
- Voters in other overseas military installations should send voted ballots by October 13, 2012
- Stateside Uniformed Service members and their families should send voted ballots by October 29, 2012.

If you do not receive your State absentee ballot by October 2, 2012, use the Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot. If you receive your State absentee ballot, vote and return it. If both ballots are received by the deadline, only the State ballot will be counted.

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## Haven't Received Your Ballot? Don't Wait Until It's Too Late. . . Use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot!

The District of Columbia allows you to use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) for voting in primary, special, and general elections for Federal and local offices and non-candidate ballot issues. Feel free to use the FWAB to vote anytime before an election.

### Complete the Following Blocks of the FWAB's Voter Declaration/ Affirmation:

**Block 1:** The District of Columbia allows you to use this form for registration. It must be submitted by the registration deadline.

**Block 2:** Select the category that describes you.

**Block 3:** Name (Last, First, Middle)

**Block 4:** Date of Birth

Enter your valid D.C. Driver's License number, the last four digits of your Social Security number, OR your voter registration number.

**Block 5:** Recommended but not required. Provide your contact information to allow the District of Columbia to follow up if more information is required.

**Block 7:** Complete street address of your D.C. voting residence. A post office box is not sufficient. This address must be within the District of Columbia where you claim legal voting residence.

**Block 8:** Complete address where you want your ballot sent, usually where you live now.

**Block 9:** Provide any information that may assist the local election official in accepting this ballot or application.

**Affirmation:** Sign and date. No witness or notary required.

### Vote Your FWAB:

Vote for any Federal or local office in a primary, special, or general election. To find out the races and candidates for which you can vote, go to [www.dcboee.org](http://www.dcboee.org). For each office for which you vote, write in either a candidate's name or a political party designation. The District of Columbia does not elect representatives to the U.S. Senate, however, it does participate in the election of the President and a Delegate to the House of Representatives is elected. Two U.S. 'Shadow' Senators and one U.S. 'Shadow' Representative are also elected, whose offices are created by local law and who are not members of the United States Congress.

Once the ballot is complete, fold and place it in the security envelope and seal. Place only the voted ballot in the security envelope and do not write on the security envelope.

### How and Where to Submit Your FWAB:

If using the FWAB simultaneously as a registration form, ballot request form and voted ballot, it must be received by the local election office by the registration deadline.

If using the FWAB simultaneously as a ballot request form and voted ballot, it must be received by the local election office by the ballot request deadline.

If using the FWAB as a voted ballot only, it must be received by the local election office by the ballot return deadline. If you receive the District of Columbia ballot after submitting the voted FWAB, you may also vote and return the District ballot. If both ballots are received by the deadline, only the District ballot will be counted.

The District of Columbia allows you to submit the FWAB by mail, email or fax.

If you choose to mail your FWAB, insert the sealed security envelope and the Voter's Declaration/Affirmation into the mailing envelope and mail the form directly to:

D.C. Board of Elections and Ethics  
441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 250 North  
Washington, DC 20001-2745

If you choose to email your FWAB, you should send the ballot as a signed, scanned attachment. Include ballot, voter affirmation, and cover sheet with secrecy waiver. Email directly to your local election office at: [uocava@dcboee.org](mailto:uocava@dcboee.org).

If you choose to fax your FWAB, it is recommended that you fax the FWAB directly to the D.C. Board of Elections and Ethics at (202) 347-2648. Include ballot, voter affirmation, and cover sheet with secrecy waiver. You may also use the DoD Electronic Transmission Service to fax your FWAB toll-free. To use the Electronic Transmission Service, use the cover sheet available in Chapter 1 or at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov), and fax to: (703) 693-5527, DSN 223-5527, or toll-free from the U.S., Canada, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands to 1-800-368-8683. International toll-free numbers can be found on the inside back cover or at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov).

