

Election Officials - Frequently Asked Questions

Voter Information:

- 1. *Can the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) and Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) be used by citizens within the United States?***

Yes. Uniformed service members who are absent from their local voting jurisdiction due to their service and their dependents who are absent with them may use the FPCA and FWAB even if they are currently within the United States. All other citizens within the United States should follow traditional State voter registration and absentee ballot request procedures.

- 2. *How can I verify a voter's address?***

FVAP is able to look up active duty military members' addresses for election officials. Election officials should submit requests to FVAP via email (vote@fvap.gov) or fax (703-696-1352) and include the name of the requester, the voting jurisdiction, as well as the citizen's full name and date of birth or the last four digits of his/her Social Security Number.

Processing Forms:

- 3. *Should I process FPCAs received after the MOVE Act's 45-day deadline for sending UOCAVA ballots?***

Yes. You should process all FPCAs submitted before your State's absentee ballot request deadline for UOCAVA voters.

- 4. *Which should I count if a voter submitted both a State absentee ballot and a FWAB?***

When both a State absentee ballot and a FWAB are submitted prior to the State ballot-receipt deadline, you should count the State absentee ballot.

- 5. *Why did a voter write in candidates for State and local offices on the FWAB?***

In addition to voting in Federal elections, some States allow UOCAVA citizens to use the FWAB to vote in State and local elections. Check your State's guidelines for information on which elections UOCAVA citizens may participate.

Ballot Transmission:

- 6. *Can the MOVE Act's 45-day deadline be moved from Saturday to Monday?***

No. While many States allow certain weekend deadlines to be delayed until Monday, the MOVE Act requires that ballots be sent no later than 45 days before the election and that deadline may not be moved to a Monday.

- 7. *Can the postage-paid indicia be used for international mail?***

No. The postage-paid indicia may only be used to mail UOCAVA balloting materials using the United States Postal Service, Military Postal Service Agency (APO/FPO), or U.S. Diplomatic pouch mail. International mail requires additional postage; check with your local Post Office for international mail rates.