

Virgin Islands

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DEADLINES	Presidential Primary* N/A	Territory Primary September 8, 2012	General Election November 6, 2012
Registration	N/A	August 9, 2012	October 7, 2012
Ballot Request	N/A	August 21, 2012	October 19, 2012
Ballot Return	N/A	Postmarked by: September 8, 2012 Received by: September 18, 2012	Postmarked by: November 6, 2012 Received by: 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 October 2012. Check www.fvap.gov for updates.

* Virgin Islands has a Caucus system for selecting Presidential Nominees.

Registering and Requesting Your Absentee Ballot

The Federal Post Card Application registers you to vote and requests absentee ballots for all regularly scheduled Federal elections for the calendar year in which it is submitted.

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, you must indicate which party ballot you want to receive. If you want to change your political party affiliation, submit a completed FPCA indicating your new party preference to the local election official no later than 30 days prior to the election. 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

The last four digits of your Social Security number are required. If you do not have a Social Security number, your valid Virgin Islands Driver's License number is required for voter registration. If you do not possess either of these identifications, the Virgin Islands will 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 your local election official to follow up if more information is required.

Block 6: The Virgin Islands allows you to receive your ballot by mail or fax. Please rank your preference of how you would like to receive your absentee ballot. Provide your fax number in Block 5. If you do not make a selection, then your local election official will mail your ballot to you.

Block 7: Complete street address of your Virgin Islands voting residence. A post office box is not sufficient. If your address includes a rural route, describe its location in Block 9. This address must be within the county 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 application.

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

How and Where to Submit Your FPCA:

The Virgin Islands allows you to submit the FPCA by mail or fax.

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

Supervisor of Elections
P.O. Box 6038, Charlotte Amalie

St. Thomas, Virgin Islands 00804-6038

Supervisor of Elections
P.O. Box 1499, Kingshill
St. Croix, Virgin Islands 00851-1499
Fax: (340)776-2391
Email (For Questions Only, No FPCAs):
electionsys@unitedstates.vi

If you choose to fax your FPCA, you must also submit the FPCA by mail. It is recommended that you fax the form directly to (340) 776-2391. Fax numbers can be found at www.vivote.gov. 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, 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.

Follow-Up on Your FPCA

To find out the status of your registration/absentee ballot request, contact your local election office. Contact information can be found at www.vivote.gov.

Your jurisdiction will contact you if your registration is denied.

Ballot Request By Proxy

If you are currently registered, anyone may apply for an absentee ballot on your behalf if that person can satisfactorily provide the required information about you.

Late Registration

Members of the Armed Forces or merchant marine who have been discharged within 60 days of an election may register and vote in that election by presenting the local election official with their discharge papers.

Voting Your Ballot

Local election officials send absentee ballots no later than 30 days before the election.

Voted ballots must be postmarked by Election Day and received by the local election office 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 fax. Use 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.

Tracking your Ballot

You may track the status of your ballot by using any of the following methods: TDD Toll Free: St. Croix: (877) 773-1021, St. Thomas/St. John: (877) 774-3107, OR at: www.vivote.gov for Email Contact Form.

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.

Haven't Received Your Ballot? Don't Wait Until It's Too Late. . .

Use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot!

The Virgin Islands allows you to use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) for registration and voting in general, primary, special, and run-off elections for Federal office. 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 Virgin Islands allows you to use this form for registration.

Block 2: Select the category that describes you.

Block 3: Name (Last, First, Middle)

Block 4: Date of Birth

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

Block 5: Recommended but not required. Provide your contact information to allow your local election official to follow up if more information is required.

Block 7: Complete street address of your Virgin Islands voting residence. A post office box is not sufficient. If your address includes a rural route, describe its location in Block 9. This address must be within the county where you claim legal voting residence.

Block 8: Enter your current mailing address.

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 office in a general election. To find out the races and candidates for which you can vote, go to www.vivote.gov. For each office for which you vote, write in either a candidate's name or a political party designation. The Virgin Islands does not elect members to the U.S. Senate or directly participate in the election of the President and Vice President of the U.S. At the Federal level, only a Delegate to the House of Representatives is elected.

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:

The deadlines for submitting the FWAB are the same as for State absentee ballots. If you receive the State ballot after submitting the voted FWAB, you may also vote and return the State ballot. If both ballots are received by the deadline, only the State ballot will be counted.

The Virgin Islands allows you to submit the FWAB by mail 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 ballot directly to your local election office:

Supervisor of Elections
P.O. Box 6038, Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands 00804-6038

Supervisor of Elections
P.O. Box 1499, Kingshill
St. Croix, Virgin Islands 00851-1499

If you choose to fax your FWAB, you must also submit the FWAB by mail. It is recommended that you fax the ballot directly to (340) 774-3107. Fax numbers can be found at www.vivote.gov. 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, 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.

