

Guam

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DEADLINES	Presidential Primary N/A	Territory Primary September 1, 2012	General Election November 6, 2012
Registration	N/A	August 22, 2012	October 26, 2012
Ballot Request	N/A	August 29, 2012	November 2, 2012
Ballot Return	N/A	8 pm, September 1, 2012	8 pm, November 6, 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 2011. Check 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 all elections through the next regularly scheduled general election. Voters should submit a new application after January 1 of each year.

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

Block 1: Select the category that describes you.

Block 3: Name (Last, First, Middle)

Block 4: Date of Birth

The last four digits of your Social Security number are required for voter registration.

Blocks 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: Guam allows you to receive your blank ballot by fax or mail. More transmission options may be available. Check www.fvap.gov for updates.

Block 7: Complete street address of your Guam 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:

You must mail your FPCA directly to:

Guam Election Commission
P.O. Box BG
Hagatna, GU 96932-8958

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.gec.guam.gov.

Your jurisdiction will contact you regarding the status of your application.

Voting Your Ballot

Local election officials mail ballots approximately 45 days before an election.

Voted ballots be received by the Election Commission no later than 8 pm on Election Day.

There is no notary requirement on elections for Federal offices.

Voted ballots must be returned by mail.

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

For the status of your ballot send an email to: vote@gec.guam.gov or: tom.sanagustin@gec.guam.gov.

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!

Guam allows you to use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) for voting in primary and general elections for Federal office. If you have requested your absentee ballot, 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: Guam does not allow you to use this form for registration. Do not check the registration block.

Block 2: Select the category that describes you.

Block 3: Name (Last, First, Middle)

Block 4: Date of Birth

Enter the last four digits of your Social Security 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 Guam 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. There is no notary requirement on elections for Federal offices.

Vote Your FWAB:

To find out the races and candidates for which you can vote, go to www.gec.guam.gov. For each office for which you vote, write in either a candidate's name or a political party designation. Guam 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 regular State absentee ballots. If you receive the regular ballot after submitting the voted FWAB, you may also vote and return the regular ballot. If both ballots are received by the deadline, only the regular ballot will be counted.

Insert the sealed security envelope and the Voter's Declaration/Affirmation into the mailing envelope and mail your FWAB directly to:

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