

## Military/Overseas Voting

Military and Overseas voters are United States Citizens who are members of the Army, Navy, Air Force Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Merchant Marine, commissioned corps of the Public Health Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, family members of the above and United States citizens residing outside of the country.

## Eligibility to Vote in Delaware

Military members and their family members are eligible to register and vote in Delaware if Delaware was the place of their last residence prior to joining the military or the place where they subsequently established a residence, they are U.S. citizens and will be at least 18 years of age before the next General Election.



Delaware citizens living overseas are eligible to register and vote if they are U.S. citizens, will be at least 18 years of age before the next General

Election and whose last residence prior to going overseas was in Delaware. Family members, and dependent children born outside of Delaware and/or the U.S. generally have the same eligibility from a residency standpoint as their spouse or parents.

## Federal Voting Assistance Program

This program is responsible for administering the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act. The website provides valuable information on voting and can be accessed at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov).

## How to Vote

You must be registered to vote in Delaware before you can vote in person or by Absentee Ballot. If you are a Military or overseas voter who is eligible to vote in Delaware, you may register to vote and/or apply for Absentee Ballot by completing a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) and mailing or faxing it to the Department of Elections for the County in which you are eligible to vote. The deadline to register to vote is 21 days prior to the day of an Election.

You may request an Absentee Ballot be sent to you by submitting an FPCA during the year that a Primary and General Election will be held. The FPCA



can serve as both an application to register and a request for an Absentee Ballot as long as it is submitted at least 21 days prior to Election Day. You will only be able

to vote in a Democratic primary if you are a registered Democrat and a Republican primary if you are a registered Republican. Keep the Department of Elections for your County informed of any mailing address, name or party changes by submitting a new FPCA.

## Voting by Absentee Ballot

Read and follow the instructions for completing and returning your Absentee Ballot. Put the Absentee Ballot in the Voucher Envelope, seal it, and then date and sign it.

If mailed within the US, by APO or FPO, or sent by diplomatic pouch, no postage is necessary. If mailed through a foreign postal system, send by Air Mail and use the required foreign postage. Absentee Ballots must be received by the Department of Elections for your County no later than Noon the day before the election. Ballots received after the deadline, but before the close of the polls on Election Day will be counted for Federal offices only.



# Military/Overseas Voting Checklist

- ☑ You must be registered to vote in Delaware.
- ☑ Submit an Affidavit for Absentee Ballot as far in advance of an election as allowable.
- ☑ Read the Absentee Ballot instructions carefully.
- ☑ Complete the Absentee Ballot and follow the instructions for returning it. Make sure that you sign and date the Voucher envelope.
- ☑ Return your Absentee Ballot as soon as possible after you receive it.
- ☑ Absentee Ballots must be received no later than Noon on the day prior to the Elections. Ballots received after the deadline but before the close of the polls will be counted for Federal offices only.
- ☑ You can vote by Absentee Ballot if you are away from home in the military or are living Overseas.



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