

Maine

www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec

DEADLINES	State Primary June 8, 2010	General Election November 2, 2010
Registration	No Deadline	No Deadline
Ballot Request	June 7, 2010	November 1, 2010
Ballot Return	8 pm, June 8, 2010	8 pm, November 2, 2010

Information is current as of July 2009. Check www.fvap.gov for updates.

Registering and Requesting Your Absentee Ballot

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

Block 1: Select the category that describes you.

Block 2.a: Name (Last, First, Middle)

Block 2.e: Date of Birth

Blocks 2.f and 2.g: Enter your valid Maine Driver's License number. If you do not have a Maine Driver's License, enter the last four digits of your Social Security number. If you do not possess either of these identification numbers, write "none" and the State shall assign a number that will serve to identify you for voter registration purposes.

Blocks 2.h through 2.j: Recommended but not required. Provide your contact information to allow your local election official to follow up if more information is required.

Blocks 3.a through 3.e: Complete street address of your Maine voting residence. A post office box is not sufficient. If your address includes a rural route, describe its location in Block 6. This address must be within the municipality where you claim legal voting residence.

Block 4.a: Complete address where you want your ballot sent, usually where you live now.

Block 4.c: Maine allows you to receive your ballot by mail (or fax in certain emergency or combat situations). Check how you would like to receive your absentee ballot. Provide your fax number in Block 2. If you do not make a selection, then your local election official will mail your ballot to you.

Block 5: To vote in primary elections, you must enter your political party affiliation. If you are currently registered and want to change your political party affiliation and have been enrolled in the political party for at least three months, the FPCA must be received by your local election official no later than 15 days before the election. If you are currently registered and have previously declined to indicate a political party and you now want to vote in a primary election, you must submit the FPCA to the local election official any time before the election. Political party affiliation is not required if only requesting absentee ballots for general elections.

Block 6: Provide the name of the municipality and State where you were registered to vote before you registered at your current Maine voting residence. This address must be different from the one in Block 3. If you have not registered to vote before, write "none."

Submission of this form serves as a request to receive ballots for all Federal elections held through the next two regularly scheduled general elections. If you do not wish to receive ballots for that length of time, you may request a ballot for each election for Federal office held in the next election year OR a ballot for only the next scheduled election for Federal office by noting your choice here.

In addition to mailing a regular ballot, Maine provides a State Write-In Absentee Ballot up to 3 months before the election to any voter living outside the U.S. who believes they cannot receive and return their voted ballot in a timely manner. To request it, write in Block 6: "I will be unable to vote by regular absentee ballot. I request a blank absentee ballot."

Provide any information that may assist the local election official in accepting this application.

Block 7: Sign and date. No witness or notary required.

How and Where to Submit Your FPCA:

Maine 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 or you may mail your application to: Maine Division of Elections, 101 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0101.

If you choose to fax your FPCA, fax the form directly to your local election official. 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 absentee ballot request, contact your local election office. Contact information can be found at: www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec.

Your jurisdiction will contact you if your application is denied.

Ballot Request by Proxy

A family member (spouse or domestic partner, parent, sibling, child, stepparent, stepchild, stepsister, stepbrother, in-law, grandparent, grandchild, step-grandparent, step-grandchild, guardian or former guardian) may make a written request for an absentee ballot on your behalf. The request must be signed by the family member and indicate the family relationship. The request may be made to the local election official either in person, by mail or fax. The election official may mail the ballot directly to you or issue the ballot to the family member who must deliver the ballot to you.

You may designate a third person (other than an immediate family member) to receive the ballot on your behalf by submitting a signed application or written request by mail or fax to your local election office. The local election official must issue the ballot to the designee who must then deliver the ballot to you. You must have the ballot return envelope signed by a notary public, a clerk of courts, or two other individuals (one of whom may be the ballot carrier).

Ballot Request by Phone

Maine allows registered voters to request an absentee ballot by telephone. Only the voter may request a ballot by telephone. Telephone numbers may be found at: www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec.

Ballot Request Online

Some municipalities allow you to complete your ballot request online. To see if your municipality allows this, refer to: www.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl.

Voting Your Ballot

Local election officials send absentee ballots approximately 45 days before elections for Federal and State offices.

Voted ballots must be received by the local election office by 8 pm on election day.

You must seal your voted ballot in its return envelope and sign a certification as to its authenticity on the envelope. If you received assistance in reading and/or marking your voted ballot, the ballot return envelope must be signed by the aide and witnessed by one other individual.

In certain emergency or combat situations, you may submit your voted ballot by fax. Use FPCA fax instructions under "How and Where to Submit Your FPCA." All other voted ballots must be returned by mail.

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

Maine allows you to use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) for registration, ballot request, and voting in primary and general elections for Federal, State, and county offices. 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.a: Select the category that describes you.

Block 1.b: Maine allows you to use this form for registration.

Block 2.a: Name (Last, First, Middle).

Block 2.e: Date of Birth.

Blocks 2.f and 2.g: Enter your Maine Driver's License number. If you do not have a Maine Driver's License, enter the last four digits of your Social Security number. If you do not possess either of these identification numbers, write

“none” and the State shall assign a number that will serve to identify you for voter registration purposes.

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Block 4.a: Enter your current mailing address.

Block 5: Enter your political party affiliation if you are voting in a primary election.

Block 6: Provide any information that may assist the local election official in accepting this ballot or application.

Block 7: Sign and date. No witness or notary required.

Vote Your FWAB:

Vote for any Federal, State, or county office in a general or primary election. To find out the races and candidates for which you can vote, go to www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec. For each Federal office in a general election for which you vote, write in either a candidate's name or a political party designation. For all other offices and elections, you must write a candidate's name.

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 FWAB must be received by the local election office by the ballot return deadline. 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.

Maine allows you to submit the FWAB by mail (or fax in certain emergency or combat situations).

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. Addresses can be found below.

If you are eligible to fax your voted FWAB, fax it directly to your local election official. 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.

Local Election Office Addresses

Maine has 503 municipal jurisdictions. A partial list of municipalities is listed below. If your municipality is not listed, a complete list of all Municipal Clerks and Registrars, along with addresses and telephone numbers, may be found at: www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/ or you may mail your voting materials to: Maine Division of Elections, 101 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0101.

City or Town	Mailing Address
Auburn	Auburn Municipal Clerk 60 Court Street, Suite 150 Auburn, ME 04210-5965
Augusta	Augusta Municipal Clerk City Center Plaza 16 Cony Street Augusta, ME 04330-5200
Bangor	Bangor Municipal Clerk 73 Harlow Street Bangor, ME 04401-5118
Bath	Bath Municipal Clerk 55 Front Street Bath, ME 04530-2572
Belfast	Belfast Municipal Clerk 131 Church Street Belfast, ME 04915-6503
Biddeford	Biddeford Municipal Clerk PO Box 586 Biddeford, ME 04005-0586
Boothbay Harbor	Boothbay Harbor Municipal Clerk 11 Howard Street Boothbay Harbor, ME 04538-0819
Brewer	Brewer Municipal Clerk 80 North Main Street Brewer, ME 04412-2010
Brunswick	Brunswick Municipal Clerk 28 Federal Street, Suite 2 Brunswick, ME 04011-1510
Calais	Calais Municipal Clerk PO Box 413 Calais, ME 04169-0413
Cape Elizabeth	Cape Elizabeth Municipal Clerk PO Box 6260 Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107-0060
Caribou	Caribou Municipal Clerk 25 High Street Caribou, ME 04736-2710
Dover-Foxcroft	Dover-Foxcroft Municipal Clerk 152 East Main Street Dover-Foxcroft, ME 04426-1305
Ellsworth	Ellsworth Municipal Clerk 1 City Hall Plaza Ellsworth, ME 04605-1942
Falmouth	Falmouth Municipal Clerk 271 Falmouth Road Falmouth, ME 04105-2005
Farmington	Farmington Municipal Clerk 153 Farmington Falls Road Farmington, ME 04938-6403

City or Town	Mailing Address
Gorham	Gorham Municipal Clerk 75 South Street, Suite I Gorham, ME 04038-1713
Houlton	Houlton Municipal Clerk 21 Water Street Houlton, ME 04730-2104
Jackman	Jackman Municipal Clerk PO Box 269 Jackman, ME 04945-0269
Jay	Jay Municipal Clerk 340 Main Street Jay, ME 04239-5068
Lewiston	Lewiston Municipal Clerk 27 Pine Street Lewiston, ME 04240-7204
Limestone	Limestone Municipal Clerk 93 Main Street Limestone, ME 04750-1114
Lubec	Lubec Municipal Clerk 40 School Street Lubec, ME 04652-1152
Machias	Machias Municipal Clerk PO Box 418 Machias, ME 04654-0418
Millinocket	Millinocket Municipal Clerk 197 Penobscot Avenue Millinocket, ME 04462-1430
Old Orchard Beach	Old Orchard Beach Municipal Clerk 1 Portland Avenue Old Orchard Beach, ME 04064-2245
Old Town	Old Town Municipal Clerk 150 Brunswick Street Old Town, ME 04468-1408

City or Town	Mailing Address
Portland	Portland Municipal Clerk 389 Congress Street, Room 203 Portland, ME 14101-3570
Presque Isle	Presque Isle Municipal Clerk 12 Second Street Presque Isle, ME 04769-2459
Rockland	Rockland Municipal Clerk 270 Pleasant Street Rockland, ME 04841-5305
Rumford	Rumford Municipal Clerk 145 Congress Street Rumford, ME 04276-2071
Saco	Saco Municipal Clerk 300 Main Street Saco, ME 04072-1515
Sanford	Sanford Municipal Clerk 919 Main Street Sanford, ME 04073-3545
Scarborough	Scarborough Municipal Clerk PO Box 360 Scarborough, ME 04070-0360
Skowhegan	Skowhegan Municipal Clerk 225 Water Street Skowhegan, ME 04976-1711
South Portland	South Portland Municipal Clerk PO Box 9422 South Portland, ME 04116-9422

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by Connie Gorgas, US Army

City or Town	Mailing Address
Waterville	Waterville Municipal Clerk 1 Common Street Waterville, ME 04901-6643
Westbrook	Westbrook Municipal Clerk 2 York Street Westbrook, ME 04092-4750
York	York Municipal Clerk 186 York Street York, ME 03909-1314

