

Rhode Island

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DEADLINES	State Primary September 14, 2010	General Election November 2, 2010
Registration	Not Required	Not Required
Ballot Request	August 24, 2010	October 12, 2010
Ballot Return	9 pm, September 14, 2010	9 pm, November 2, 2010

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

Registering and Requesting Your Absentee Ballot

Registration is not required. You must still complete the FPCA to request an 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: Your current and valid Rhode Island Driver's License number OR the last four digits of your Social Security number is required for voter registration. If you do not possess either of these identification numbers, 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 Rhode Island 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 city or town 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: Rhode Island allows you to receive your absentee ballot by mail or fax. In order to receive your ballot by fax, you must fax your FPCA to the Secretary State. 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 want to change your political party affiliation, submit a completed FPCA indicating your new party preference to the local election official on or before the 90th day before the election. Political party affiliation is not required if only requesting absentee ballots for general elections.

Block 6: 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.

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:

Rhode Island 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. Addresses can be found at the end of this section.

If you choose to fax your FPCA, fax the form directly to the Secretary of State at 401-222-1444. 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 or refer to Rhode Island's voter registration verification website at: <http://www.sec.state.ri.us/vic/>.

Your jurisdiction will contact you if your application is denied.

Late Registration

You shall be exempt from registration for 2 years after your return to the U.S. if you were: absent from the State in the performance of "services intimately connected with military operations"; employed by any agency, department or division of the U.S. Government and by reason of such employment resided outside the continental U.S.; or employed outside the territorial limits of the U.S.

Voting By Citizens Who Have Never Lived in the U.S.

If the person is a U.S. citizen and has never lived in the U.S. but has a parent who is a qualified Rhode Island elector, this person will be eligible to register and vote in Federal elections only.

Voting Your Ballot

Rhode Island sends absentee ballots approximately 21 days before elections. However, an official State blank ballot will be issued 45 days before an election if the official ballot is not available.

Voted ballots must be received by the State Board of Elections by 9 pm on election day.

No witness or notary is required on the certification envelope used for the return of voted ballots.

You may return the voted ballot by mail (or by fax only if you received your ballot by fax). If returning your ballot by fax, use the FPCA fax instructions under "How and Where to Submit Your FPCA."

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

Rhode Island allows you to use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot for voting in general elections for local, State and Federal offices. If you are registered and 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.a: Select the category that describes you.

Block 1.b: Rhode Island does not allow you to use this form for registration. Do not check this block.

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

Block 2.e: Date of Birth

Blocks 2.f and 2.g: Enter your valid Rhode Island Driver's License number, the last four digits of your Social Security number, OR your State voter registration number.

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 Rhode Island 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 city or town where you claim legal voting residence.

Block 4.a: Enter your current mailing address.

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 local, State or Federal office in a general election. To find out the races and candidates for which you can vote, go to www.sec.state.ri.us. For each office for which you vote, write in either a candidate's name or a political party designation. 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.

Rhode Island allows you to submit the FWAB by mail (or fax if you faxed your FPCA for ballot request).

If you choose to mail your FWAB, insert the sealed security envelope and the Voter's Declaration/Affirmation into the mailing envelope and mail it directly to:

State Board of Elections
50 Branch Avenue
Providence, RI 02904

If you choose to fax your FWAB, fax the ballot directly to the State Board at 401-222-3135. 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

City or Town	Mailing Address
Barrington	Barrington Board of Canvassers Town Hall 283 County Road Barrington, RI 02806-2406
Bristol	Bristol Board of Canvassers Town Hall 10 Court Street Bristol, RI 02809-2234
Burrillville	Burrillville Board of Canvassers Town Hall 105 Harrisville Main Street Harrisville, RI 02830-1403
Central Falls	Central Falls Board of Canvassers City Hall 580 Broad Street Central Falls, RI 02863-2835
Charlestown	Charlestown Board of Canvassers Town Hall 4540 South County Trail Charlestown, RI 02813-3454
Coventry	Coventry Board of Canvassers Town Hall 1670 Flat River Road Coventry, RI 02816-8909
Cranston	Cranston Board of Canvassers City Hall 869 Park Avenue Cranston, RI 02910-2786
Cumberland	Cumberland Board of Canvassers Town Hall 45 Broad Street Cumberland, RI 02864-8388

City or Town	Mailing Address
East Greenwich	East Greenwich Board of Canvassers Town Hall 125 Main Street PO Box 111 East Greenwich, RI 02818-0111
East Providence	East Providence Board of Canvassers City Hall 145 Taunton Avenue East Providence, RI 02914-4530
Exeter	Exeter Board of Canvassers Town Hall 675 Ten Rod Road Exeter, RI 02822-2447
Foster	Foster Board of Canvassers Town Hall 181 Howard Hill Road Foster, RI 02825-1226
Glocester	Glocester Board of Canvassers Town Hall 1145 Putnam Pike PO Box B Chepachet, RI 02814-0702
Hopkinton	Hopkinton Board of Canvassers Town Hall 1 Townhouse Road Hopkinton, RI 02833-1142
Jamestown	Jamestown Board of Canvassers Town Hall 93 Narragansett Avenue Jamestown, RI 02835-1149
Johnston	Johnston Board of Canvassers Town Hall 1385 Hartford Avenue Johnston, RI 02919-7192
Lincoln	Lincoln Board of Canvassers Town Hall, P.O. Box 100 100 Old River Road Lincoln, RI 02865-1332
Little Compton	Little Compton Board of Canvassers Town Hall 40 Commons PO Box 226 Little Compton, RI 02837-0226
Middletown	Middletown Board of Canvassers Town Hall 350 East Main Road Middletown, RI 02842-5267
Narragansett	Narragansett Board of Canvassers Town Hall 25 Fifth Avenue Narragansett, RI 02882-3612
Newport	Newport Board of Canvassers City Hall 43 Broadway Newport, RI 02840-2746
New Shoreham	New Shoreham Board of Canvassers Town Hall Old Town Road, PO Box 220 Block Island, RI 02807-0220
North Kingstown	North Kingstown Board of Canvassers Town Hall 80 Boston Neck Road North Kingstown, RI 02852-5767
North Providence	North Providence Board of Canvassers Town Hall 2000 Smith Street North Providence, RI 02911-1740
North Smithfield	North Smithfield Board of Canvassers Municipal Annex 575 Smithfield Road Slatersville, RI 02896-7227
Pawtucket	Pawtucket Board of Canvassers City Hall 137 Roosevelt Avenue Pawtucket, RI 02860-2129
Portsmouth	Portsmouth Board of Canvassers Town Hall 2200 East Main Road Portsmouth, RI 02871-2168



City or Town	Mailing Address
Providence	Providence Board of Canvassers City Hall 25 Dorrance Street Providence, RI 02903-1738
Richmond	Richmond Board of Canvassers Town Hall 5 Richmond Townhouse Road Wyoming, RI 02898-1247
Scituate	Scituate Board of Canvassers Town Hall 195 Danielson Pike North Scituate, RI 02857-1906
Smithfield	Smithfield Board of Canvassers Town Hall 64 Farnum Pike Esmond, RI 02917-3224
South Kingstown	South Kingstown Board of Canvassers Town Hall 180 High Street Wakefield, RI 02879-3140
Tiverton	Tiverton Board of Canvassers Town Hall 343 Highland Road Tiverton, RI 02878-4401

City or Town	Mailing Address
Warren	Warren Board of Canvassers Town Hall 514 Main Street Warren, RI 02885-4369
Warwick	Warwick Board of Canvassers City Hall 3275 Post Road Warwick, RI 02886-7145
Westerly	Westerly Board of Canvassers Town Hall 45 Broad Street Westerly, RI 02891-1888
West Greenwich	West Greenwich Board of Canvassers Town Hall 280 Victory Highway West Greenwich, RI 02817-2155
West Warwick	West Warwick Board of Canvassers Town Hall 1170 Main Street West Warwick, RI 02893-4893
Woonsocket	Woonsocket Board of Canvassers City Hall 160 Main Street Woonsocket, RI 02895-4330

Prioritize. . .Plan. . .Vote!

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