

# Alaska

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<b>DEADLINES</b>	<b>State Primary August 24, 2010</b>	<b>General Election November 2, 2010</b>
<b>Registration</b>	July 25, 2010	October 3, 2010
<b>Ballot Request</b>	August 14, 2010	October 23, 2010
<b>Ballot Return</b>	<b>From Within U.S.:</b> Postmarked by: August 24, 2010 Received by: September 3, 2010 <b>From Outside U.S. or APO/FPO:</b> Postmarked by: August 24, 2010 Received by: September 8, 2010	<b>From Within U.S.:</b> Postmarked by: November 2, 2010 Received by: November 12, 2010 <b>From Outside U.S. or APO/FPO:</b> Postmarked by: November 2, 2010 Received by: November 17, 2010

Information is current as of July 2009. Check [www.fvap.gov](http://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.b:** Enter any former name under which you were registered in Alaska

**Block 2.e:** Date of Birth

**Block 2.f:** Your valid Alaska Driver's License number, the last four digits of your Social Security number OR your Alaska State Identification Card Number is required for voter registration. If you do not possess any of these identification numbers, the State shall assign a number that will serve to identify you for voter registration purposes.

**Block 2.g:** Enter your passport or identity card number if you are an overseas citizen. This is not required for Uniformed Service members and their families.

**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 Alaska voting residence. You may provide your street name and house number, highway name and milepost number, building number and street name on a military base, subdivision with lot and block number or describe its location in Block 6. A post office box, postal service center

box, a rural route number, or general delivery is not sufficient.

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

**Block 4.c:** Alaska allows you to receive your ballot by mail or fax. To receive a by-fax ballot, you must apply no earlier than 15 days before each election. Check how you would like to receive your absentee ballot (mail or fax). Provide your fax number in Block 2. If you do not make a selection, or you select fax earlier than 15 days prior to the election, Alaska will mail your ballot to you.

**Block 5:** To vote in primary elections, you must enter your political party affiliation. If you are 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 6:** When initially registering to vote by mail from outside Alaska, you must enclose proof of Alaska residency (such as a copy of a current Alaska Driver's License or of a leave and earning statement reflecting Alaska as place of residency) with this application.

Alternatively, if you are an overseas citizen, were last domiciled in Alaska prior to leaving the U.S. and do not intend to return to Alaska as a resident you may register as a "Federal Voter" and participate in only elections for Federal office. To request this option, write: "I wish to register as a Federal voter and was last domiciled in Alaska prior to leaving the U.S." You must provide a copy of your valid

passport, card of identity and registration, or other identification issued under the authority of the U.S. Secretary of State with this application.

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, Alaska provides a Special Advance Write-In Ballot up to 60 days before the election to any voter outside the U.S. who has requested it. This ballot allows you to vote for local, State and Federal offices. To request it, write in Block 6: "Please send a special advance 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:

Alaska allows you to submit the FPCA by mail, fax, or email.

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

Absentee Voting Office  
619 E. Ship Creek Ave, Ste 329  
Anchorage, AK 99501-1677

If you choose to fax your FPCA, fax the form directly to (907) 677-9943. 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](http://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](http://www.fvap.gov).

If you choose to email your FPCA, send your FPCA as an attachment to [akabsentee@alaska.gov](mailto:akabsentee@alaska.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: [www.elections.alaska.gov](http://www.elections.alaska.gov) (available in 2010).

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

### Late Registration

In a Presidential Election year you may register after the 30-day deadline and your vote for President will be counted. Your application to register and receive a by-mail ballot must be received 10 days before election day. Your application to register and receive a by-fax ballot may only be received beginning 15 days prior to each election day up through 5:00 p.m. Alaska time the day prior to election day.

### Ballot Request by Proxy

Alaska allows a person with power of attorney to make a change to the voter's registration or apply for an absentee ballot on behalf of the voter. A copy of the power of attorney must be submitted with the application.

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## Voting Your Ballot

The Alaska Absentee Voting Office mails absentee ballots approximately 22 days before the election.

**Voted ballots must be postmarked on or before election day. Ballots mailed from outside the U.S. or from a military APO or FPO address must be received no later than 15 days after the election. Ballots mailed from other addresses must be received no later than 10 days after the election.**

Voted ballots must be sworn to before a commissioned officer, notary or other person authorized to administer oaths, or one witness (18 years or older).

Alaska allows you to return the voted ballot by mail or fax. To vote absentee by fax, you must request the ballot no earlier than 15 days prior to each election. The Alaska Absentee by Fax Application may be requested from the Division of Elections Absentee Voting Office and is also available online at [www.elections.alaska.gov](http://www.elections.alaska.gov) starting 15 days prior to election day. The Absentee By Fax Application must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. Alaska time the day before the election. Instructions for returning the voted ballot by fax are included with the ballot.

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

Alaska allows you to use Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) for registration, ballot request, and voting in any general, special, or primary election for Federal 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:** Alaska allows you to use this form for registration.

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

**Block 2.b:** Enter any former name under which you were registered in Alaska

**Block 2.e:** Date of Birth

**Block 2.f:** Enter your valid Alaska Driver's License number, the last four digits of your Social Security number OR your Alaska State Identification Card Number.

**Block 2.g:** If you are an overseas citizen, enter your passport or identity card number or other identification issued under the authority of the U.S. Secretary of State. This is not required for Uniformed Service members and their families.

**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 Alaska voting residence. You may provide your street name and house number, highway name and milepost number, building number and street name on a military base, subdivision with lot and block number or describe its location in Block 6. A post office box, postal service center box, a rural route number, or general delivery is not sufficient.

**Block 4.a:** Enter your current mailing address.

**Block 5:** If using this form for registration, enter your political party affiliation or write undeclared or non-partisan. Your political party affiliation 30 days before the primary election determines the party ballot you are eligible to receive.

**Block 6:** When initially registering to vote by mail from outside Alaska, you must enclose proof of Alaska residency (such as a copy of a current Alaska Driver's License or of a leave and earning statement reflecting Alaska as place of residency) with this application.

Alternatively, if you are an overseas citizen, were last domiciled in Alaska prior to leaving the U.S. and do not intend to return to Alaska as a resident you may register as a "Federal Voter" and participate in only elections for Federal office. To request this option, write: "I wish to register as a Federal voter and was last domiciled in Alaska prior to leaving the U.S." You must provide a copy of your valid passport, card of identity and registration, or other

identification issued under the authority of the U.S. Secretary of State with this application.

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

**Block 7:** Sign and date. This form must be sworn to before a commissioned officer, notary or other person authorized to administer oaths, or one witness (18 years or older).

### Vote Your FWAB:

Vote for any Federal office in a general, special, or primary election. To find out the races and candidates for which you can vote, go to [www.elections.alaska.gov](http://www.elections.alaska.gov). 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:

If using the FWAB simultaneously as a registration form, ballot request, and voted ballot, it must be received by the local election office no later than 30 days before the election.

If using the FWAB simultaneously as a ballot request and voted ballot, it must be received by the local election official no later than 10 days before election day.

If using the FWAB as a voted ballot only, it 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.

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

Absentee Voting Office  
619 E. Ship Creek Ave, Ste 329  
Anchorage, AK 99501-1677

You may submit the FWAB by fax only if you have submitted an Absentee By Fax Application no earlier than 15 days before election day. If you choose to fax your FWAB, fax it directly to (907) 677-9943. Include ballot, voter affirmation, and cover sheet with secrecy waiver. You may also use the DoD Electronic Transmission Service to fax your FWAB and signed transmittal sheet toll-free. 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](http://www.fvap.gov).

