

District of Columbia

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DEADLINES	District Primary September 14, 2010	General Election November 2, 2010
Registration	August 16, 2010	October 4, 2010
Ballot Request	September 7, 2010	October 26, 2010
Ballot Return	Postmarked by: September 14, 2010 Received by: September 24, 2010	Postmarked by: November 2, 2010 Received by: November 12, 2010

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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: Your valid District of Columbia 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 District of Columbia 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 the District of Columbia to follow up if more information is required.

Blocks 3.a through 3.e: Complete street address of your District of Columbia voting residence. A post office box is not sufficient. This address must be within the District of Columbia.

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

Block 4.c: The District of Columbia allows you to receive your blank ballot by mail, fax, or email. Check how you would like to receive your absentee ballot. Provide your fax number or email address in Block 2. If you do not make a selection, then your ballot will be mailed to you.

Block 5: To vote in primary elections, you must enter your political party affiliation. If you are a 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. 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 your election official in accepting this application.

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

How and Where to Submit Your FPCA:

The District of Columbia allows you to submit the FPCA by mail or fax.

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

D.C. Board of Elections and Ethics
441 4th Street, N.W. Suite 250
Washington, DC 20001-2745

If you choose to fax your FPCA, you must also submit the FPCA by mail. It is recommended that you fax the form directly to the D.C. Board of Elections and Ethics at (202)-347-2648. 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 the District of Columbia's voter registration verification website at: http://www.dcboee.org/voter_info/reg_status/.

Your jurisdiction will contact you if your application is denied.

Voting Your Ballot

The District of Columbia sends absentee ballots no later than 35 days before the election.

Voted ballots must be postmarked no later than the day of the election and must arrive no later than 10 days after the election.

No witness or notary is required on voted ballots.

You may return the voted ballot by mail (or by fax with a statement that you relinquish your right to a secret ballot.) 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!

The District of Columbia allows you to use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) for voting in general elections for Federal office. 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: The District of Columbia does not allow you to use this form for registration. Do not check this box.

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

Block 2.e: Date of Birth

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

Blocks 2.h through 2.j: Recommended but not required. Provide your contact information to allow the District of Columbia to follow up if more information is required.

Blocks 3.a through 3.e: Complete street address of your D.C. 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 county 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 Federal office in a general election. To find out the races and candidates for which you can vote, go to www.dcboee.org. For each office for which you vote, write in either a candidate's name or a political party designation. The District of Columbia does not elect representatives to the U.S. Senate, however, it does participate in the election of the President and 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.

The District of Columbia allows you to submit the FWAB by mail or fax.

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 form directly to:

D.C. Board of Elections and Ethics
441 4th Street, N.W. Suite 250
Washington, DC 20001-2745

If you choose to fax your FWAB, you must also submit the FWAB by mail. It is recommended that you fax the FWAB directly to the D.C. Board of Elections and Ethics at (202)-347-2648. 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.