

# TIPS FOR CALIFORNIA'S MILITARY AND OVERSEAS VOTERS

Taking part in elections is more convenient than ever for Californians serving in the military or living outside the United States. It begins when you register to vote as a military or overseas voter and receive election materials by mail, fax or email.



For more information, contact:

**CALIFORNIA  
SECRETARY OF STATE**  
(800) 345-VOTE  
[www.sos.ca.gov](http://www.sos.ca.gov)  
[mov@sos.ca.gov](mailto:mov@sos.ca.gov)

**FEDERAL VOTING  
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**  
(800) 438-VOTE  
[www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov)

- **Start early.** California's county elections officials begin sending ballots to military and overseas voters 60 days before Election Day. Fill out a voter registration application early at [RegisterToVote.ca.gov](http://RegisterToVote.ca.gov) to ensure that you receive your voting materials in time and can return your voted ballot by Election Day.
- **Know your options.** When registering to vote as a military or overseas voter, you can choose to have your ballot mailed, faxed, or emailed to you. Additionally, you may visit your county elections official's website for information on how to download your ballot and election materials. You may return your voted ballot to your county elections official by mail or, in certain circumstances, by fax\*.
- **Stay in touch.** Once you register as a military or overseas voter, you will continue to receive a ballot and election materials from your county elections official before each statewide election. However, you will need to update your registration to vote if you change your address, your name, or your political party preference. Visit [www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/military-overseas-voters/](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/military-overseas-voters/) for more election resources designed especially for you.

## Deadlines for November 5, 2024, General Election

<b>October 21</b>	Last day to register to vote for the General Election.
<b>October 22 – November 5</b>	Same Day Registration is available. You may "conditionally" register and vote a provisional ballot during this time.**
<b>October 29</b>	Update or change how you want to receive your ballot
<b>November 5</b>	Mailed ballots: Must be postmarked on or before November 5, 2024 and received by your county elections office no later than November 12, 2024. Faxed ballots: Must be delivered by close of polls on November 5, 2024.

\*If you are living outside the territorial limits of the United States or are called for military service within the United States on or after the seventh day prior to the date of the election, you may return your ballot by fax. If you meet the requirements to return your ballot by fax, you must also fax the Oath of Voter form (available from your county elections official) waiving your right to a confidential ballot.

\*\*Contact your county elections official for more information.

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