

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 to receive your ballot by mail, fax or email.



For more information, contact:

**CALIFORNIA
SECRETARY OF STATE**
(800) 345-VOTE
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**FEDERAL VOTING
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**
(800) 438-VOTE
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 to ensure that you receive your ballot in time and can mail or fax* (under certain circumstances) 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. You may return your voted ballot to your county elections official by mail or, in certain circumstances, 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.
 - **COVID-19.** International postal service may be affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. To avoid mail delays, you may wish to register or re-register and choose to have your ballot emailed to you.
- **Stay in touch.** Once you register as a military or overseas voter, you will continue to receive a ballot from your county elections official before each statewide election. However, you will need to re-register to vote if you change your address, your name, or your political party preference, or if you do not participate in four consecutive statewide general elections. Visit www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/military-overseas-voters/ for more election resources designed especially for you.

Deadlines for November 3, 2020, General Election

Oct 19, 2020	Register to vote and request your ballot
Oct 27, 2020	Update or change how you want to receive your ballot
Nov 3, 2020	Mailed ballots: Must be postmarked on or before November 3, 2020, and received by your county elections office no later than November 20, 2020. Faxed ballots: Must be delivered by close of polls on November 3, 2020.

*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 final date to make application for a vote-by-mail ballot, you may return your ballot by fax.

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