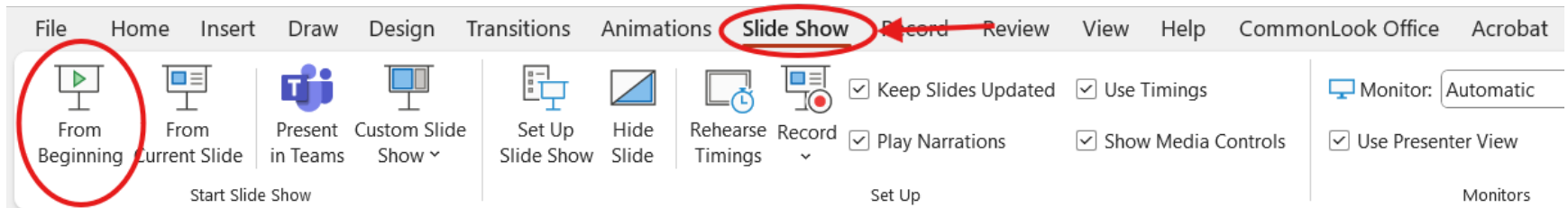


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# UOCAVA/ MOVE Act & CA Elections Code

Training for County  
Elections Officials

Updated August 2025



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# Acronyms (A-L)

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## COVR

California's Online  
Voter Registration  
System

[RegisterToVote.ca.gov](http://RegisterToVote.ca.gov)

## CVR

Conditional Voter  
Registration/  
Same Day  
Registration

## EMS

Elections  
Management  
System

## FPCA

Federal Post Card  
Application

## FVAP

Federal Voting  
Assistance  
Program

[fvap.gov](http://fvap.gov)

## FWAB

Federal Write-In  
Absentee Ballot

# Acronyms (M-Z)

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## MOVE Act

Military and  
Overseas Voter  
Empowerment Act

## RAVBM

Remote  
Accessible Vote  
By Mail

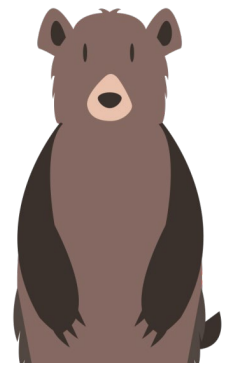
## SOS

California  
Secretary of State

## UOCAVA

Uniformed and  
Overseas Citizens  
Absentee Voting  
Act

[52 USC Ch. 203](#)






# Training Overview

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- ✓ UOCAVA voters
- ✓ Ballot delivery methods
- ✓ E-45 deadline
- ✓ FVAP resources
- ✓ UOCAVA surveys
- ✓ Recent changes



# UOCAVA Voters



A UOCAVA voter is:


a U.S. citizen who is absent from  
the county in which they are  
otherwise eligible to vote

**AND**

one of the following:

# UOCAVA Classifications

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A member of the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard; Merchant Marines; U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Corps of the U.S.; or on activated status of the National Guard or state militia



Residing outside the U.S.



A spouse or dependent of any of the above



A person born outside the U.S. who has not registered to vote in any other state and their parent/legal guardian was a California resident when parent/legal guardian was last living in the U.S.



# Voter Registration Methods

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COVR

FPCA

Paper voter registration card with a mailing address not in your county such as:

- A military address (APO/FPO)
- A non-military overseas address

**UOCAVA voters must be flagged in the county's EMS**





# Conditional Voter Registration (CVR)

CVR is also known as Same Day Voter Registration

UOCAVA voters can use the CVR process to register and vote provisionally after the close of registration

A UOCAVA voter, who registers through COVR and uses their DMV signature, may request to cast a provisional ballot using a certified remote accessible vote by mail (RAVBM) system

CCROV [#22085](#)

Elections Code, section [2170\(b\)](#)

Code of Regulations, section [20021](#) (Title 2, Division 7, Chapter 1, Article 3.5)



# Ballot Delivery Methods

**In California, the following ballot delivery methods are permitted:**

● Mail ● Email/Online ● Fax

**COVR - if voter identifies as UOCAVA**

Asks the voter to rank the available choices from 1-3 in order of preference

**FPCA**

Instructions ask the voter to select one preference



# Capture Preferred Delivery Method

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There are three EMSs approved for use in California

All three systems can capture ballot delivery preferences

If you have questions about capturing ballot delivery preferences, **please contact your EMS**





# Send Ballots by Preferred Delivery Method

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## By mail or electronically


- ▶ Electronically = email/online or fax
  - ▶ Online delivery = emailing a link to county's website where the voter can download and print ballot

Only email a ballot if the voter chose "email" as their preferred delivery method

**Do not email a ballot just because you have the voter's email address**

**Mail is the default method** when the voter does not indicate a preference





# E-45 Deadline (Saturday)



**Ballots MUST be transmitted no later than E-45**

Best practice is to transmit ballots beginning E-60

**E-45 always falls on a Saturday**

Plan ahead to ensure ALL ballots including mail, email and fax go out **on or before E-45**

**Do not wait until Monday E-47 to transmit them**



# E-45 Issues

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☐ Vendor Issues

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☐ Staffing Issues

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☐ Technology Issues

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☐ UOCAVA Registrations between E-60 & E-45

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# E-45 Vendor Issues

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Educate vendors that E-45 means E-45

Issue	Problem	Solution
<b>Communication</b>	Lack of contact with vendor as to whether the vendor or county will transmit ballots	Clear and consistent communication with vendors well before E-60
<b>Printing</b>	Not receiving ballots from vendor until right before E-45 or even after E-45	Send a PDF copy of the actual ballot, if available, by E-45
<b>Mailing</b>	Vendors mailed out a portion of the ballots on E-45 and then the remainder on Monday, E-43	Educate and communicate with the vendor that all mailing must be done by E-45



# E-45 Staffing Issues

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## Understand the importance of the E-45 deadline

All ballots must be sent on or before E-45

DO NOT send out mail on Saturday, E-45 and leave the emails and faxes for Monday, E-43

DO NOT get the majority of work done on Saturday, E-45 and leave the rest for Monday, E-43

Understaffed?

Plan ahead and pull in help early

Start transmitting ballots at E-60



# E-45 Technology Issues

Email issues



Address label issues



Work in advance with  
your county's IT  
Department

Plan, plan, plan

Test, test, test



**IDEA:** Send a test email to UOCAVA voters. This can help with load testing and to cure emails being returned as “undeliverable”

# Registrations Between E-60 and E-45

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If UOCAVA registrations come in after E-60, but by E-45, counties ***must*** capture those voters and transmit ballots by E-45.



If a UOCAVA registration comes in after E-45, transmit a ballot as soon as practicable. (Elections Code, section 3114(b).)



# E-45 Bottom Line

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Your office must have procedures and plans in place to transmit by E-45

Transmit ballots via voters designated preferred method of delivery

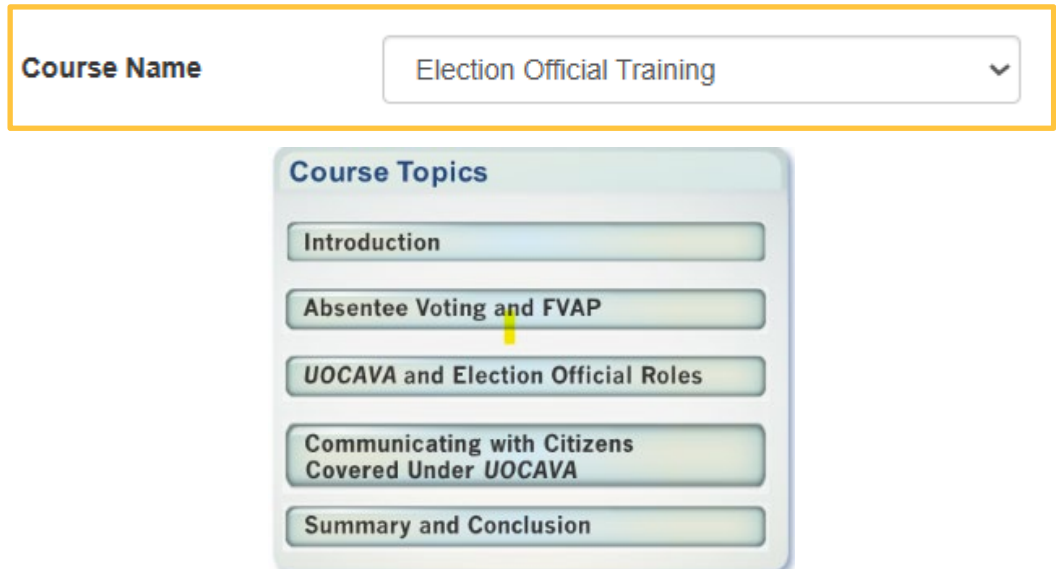
**BEST PRACTICE:**  
Start transmitting at E-60

Elections Code, sections 3105 and 3114



# Training:

FVAP has online training modules for Elections Officials: [fvap.gov/eo/training](https://fvap.gov/eo/training)



The screenshot displays a web interface for FVAP training. At the top, there is a dropdown menu labeled "Course Name" with "Election Official Training" selected. Below this, a box titled "Course Topics" contains a list of five topics: "Introduction", "Absentee Voting and FVAP", "UOCAVA and Election Official Roles", "Communicating with Citizens Covered Under UOCAVA", and "Summary and Conclusion". The "Absentee Voting and FVAP" topic is highlighted with a yellow cursor.

A link to the FVAP training pages is also available on SOS's Military & Overseas Voters webpage:

<https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/military-overseas-voters/resources>

# FVAP Resources





# Military Address Lookup

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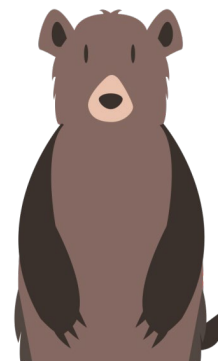
**FVAP can look up active-duty service members' addresses for elections officials**

Email [vote@fvap.gov](mailto:vote@fvap.gov) or fax your request to (571) 372-0735 or (571) 372-0749

Be sure to include:

- your name and jurisdiction
- voter's full name, date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy)
- the last four digits of their Social Security Number

**FVAP can only give available and releasable information. They do not have access to information on service members' eligible family members or overseas citizens.**



# UOCAVA Surveys

Following a 2012 consent decree, the U.S. Department of Justice requested the SOS continue to survey counties for UOCAVA transmission data.

- ▶ Surveys focus on the transmission of UOCAVA ballots by E-45
- ▶ SOS must submit the results of the survey to the U.S. DOJ by E-43





# CCROVs

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SOS sends a series of three CCROVs during each election cycle:

① UOCAVA/MOVE Act Survey/Point of Contact

② UOCAVA/MOVE Act Survey and Schedule

③ UOCAVA/MOVE Act Survey

# ① Point of Contact Survey

Request for  
county staff  
contact  
information

Example of Point  
of Contact Survey  
CCROV

## UOCAVA/MOVE Act Survey/Point of Contact

Please return this form to the attention of Paula Ritter via  
email to [mov@sos.ca.gov](mailto:mov@sos.ca.gov) or by fax to (916) 653-3214

County	Select from list
Contact Person #1	
Telephone Number #1	
Fax Number #1	
Email #1	
Contact Person #2	
Telephone Number #2	
Fax Number #2	
Email #2	



# ② Survey and Schedule

Survey reporting  
schedule and draft of  
survey

Example of Survey and  
Schedule CCROV

CCROV #24184  
September 4, 2024  
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**DRAFT**  
**Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA)**  
**Survey in Compliance with US DOJ**  
**November 5, 2024, General Election**

County of: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send responses no later than 12:00 Noon  
on Monday, September 23, 2024, to:  
Email: [mov@sos.ca.gov](mailto:mov@sos.ca.gov)  
Or via Fax: (916) 653-3214  
ATTN: Paula Ritter

1. Number of valid UOCAVA ballot requests received by your county on or before E-45 (Saturday, September 21, 2024) from any voter entitled to vote pursuant to UOCAVA: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Number of UOCAVA ballots transmitted by your county by E-45 (Saturday, September 21, 2024) for valid requests received by that date: \_\_\_\_\_

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If valid UOCAVA ballot requests were received by E-45 (Saturday, September 21, 2024), but not transmitted by E-45 (Saturday, September 21, 2024), please provide the following information:

Domestic Military	Overseas Military	Overseas Civilian
# by mail: _____	# by mail: _____	# by mail: _____
# by fax: _____	# by fax: _____	# by fax: _____
# by email: _____	# by email: _____	# by email: _____

Please provide an explanation as to why UOCAVA ballots were transmitted late and if the method used to transmit the late UOCAVA ballots was the method requested by the voter:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

County Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

# ③ Survey

Actual survey with  
deadline (**E-43 noon**)  
for reporting to SOS

Example of Survey  
CCROV

CCROV #24203  
September 18, 2024  
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# SOS reports to U.S. DOJ

On E-43, SOS compiles survey responses and provides a report to U.S. DOJ





# Recent Changes



## DoD Fax Service Discontinued

Effective August 1, 2025, FVAP has discontinued their service of faxing UOCAVA voters' ballots to county elections officials.

UOCAVA voters who wish to return their voted ballots by fax must do so using a fax machine - they can no longer send their ballots to [fax@fvap.gov](mailto:fax@fvap.gov).





# Final Reminders

**Remember!**

**The E-45 deadline is required by federal and California law**

## E-45 means E-45:

- By the UOCAVA voters designated preferred delivery method
- It does NOT mean the following Monday

## Best Practice:

- Start transmitting at E-60 (Elections Code, sections 3105 and 3114)
- Continue transmitting any requests received by E-45

# Questions?

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## **SOS MOV Coordinators**

Please contact us with any UOCAVA questions or concerns about meeting the E-45 ballot transmission deadline

**Email: [mov@sos.ca.gov](mailto:mov@sos.ca.gov)**

## **Federal Voting Assistance Program**

Contact: Sara Hedlund

**Email: [sara.m.hedlund.civ@mail.mil](mailto:sara.m.hedlund.civ@mail.mil)**