

REGISTER TO VOTE, REQUEST A BALLOT, AND VOTE ABSENTEE IN ISRAEL

The [Federal Voting Assistance Program \(FVAP\)](#) works to ensure U.S. citizens overseas have the tools and resources to successfully vote from anywhere in the world. It is crucial every U.S. citizen in Israel who is over the age of 18 is (1) registered to vote, (2) requests a ballot, and (3) returns the ballot to votes absentee in the upcoming November 5, 2024 election. Each vote makes a big difference in determining who is elected President and Vice President, along with who will control the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives. Watch a [short video](#) that describes the registration and voting process with the specific steps outlined below.

STEP # 1

Register to Vote and/or Request Your Ballot

[Fill out / send the Federal Post Card Application \(FPCA\)](#) to your election office. U.S. citizens can receive an absentee ballot by email, fax, or internet download, depending on the state they are eligible to vote in.

Check Voter Registration Deadlines

The deadline to register to vote may be in late September or early October 2024. [Check your voter registration deadline](#) for the next election based on your state.

Check Your Voter Registration Status

Most states have websites to verify voter registration. If you are unsure of your status or want to confirm that local officials have received and approved your registration, check the FVAP website for a [directory of state voter registration verification websites](#). You can also write, email, or call [local election officials](#) directly.

Determine Your Voting Residence

Your voting residence (the U.S. state or territory where you are registering to vote) is likely your legal residence. [Here's how to determine your voting residence](#). You need a voting residence to vote by absentee ballot — even if you are only voting for federal offices. Your election office needs your exact voting residence address to determine which offices and candidates you are eligible to vote for — and to send you the appropriate ballot for your voting precinct.

Never Resided in the U.S.?

In most states, U.S. citizens who were born abroad — and have never resided in the U.S. — are eligible to vote absentee. Click [here](#) to see if you're eligible to vote absentee. If your state is not listed, [contact your election office](#) to check whether you're eligible.

Children Born Outside the U.S.

In [some states](#), U.S. citizens 18 years or older who were born abroad but have never resided in the U.S. are eligible to vote absentee.

Students Studying Abroad

If you are living overseas for an extended period during an election season, [use the Federal Post Card Application \(FPCA\)](#) to request your absentee ballot. Your voting residence will continue to be your last residence prior to leaving the United States to study abroad.

STEP # 2 (FINAL STEP)

Fill Out and Send in / Return Your Completed Ballot

Vote and send back your ballot as soon as you receive it. States are required to send out ballots 45 days before a regular election for federal office. [Check the deadline](#) for your ballot based on your state. The recommended vote-by day for the 2024 General Election is October 21, 2024, if you're outside the U.S. While some states allow you to return your completed ballot electronically, others do not. If your state requires you to return paper voting forms or ballots to local election officials, you can do so through the drop boxes located at the U.S. Embassy Jerusalem and Embassy Branch Office Tel Aviv. More information is [here](#). **It is recommended to return your FPCA or ballot to your local election officials via international mail or professional courier service at your own expense to expedite delivery and track your forms or ballot.**

If you requested your ballot but haven't received it, [contact your election office](#) to ask about the status of your ballot request. After you send in your ballot, you can [check if it was received by your election office](#). If there isn't enough time to receive and send back your ballot before the election, [use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot \(FWAB\)](#). It works like a backup ballot. If your official absentee ballot arrives after sending in the FWAB, fill out and send in the official ballot too. Only one will be counted.

Please contact U.S. Embassy Jerusalem's Voting Assistance Officers at votejerusalem@state.gov or votetelaviv@state.gov if you have any questions.