

# Military and Overseas Civilian Voters

## Election Services

Special services are provided to assist military and overseas civilian voters participate in elections. If you are a military or overseas civilian voter who is eligible to vote in Michigan, you can find out:

1. **How to register to vote:** Go to the Federal Voting Assistance Program Web site ([www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov)), download and complete a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA). The FPCA can also be used to obtain an absent voter ballot by e-mail, fax or regular mail.
2. **How to obtain an absent voter ballot by e-mail, fax or regular mail:** Go to the Federal Voting Assistance Program Web site ([www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov)), download and complete a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA). Check the appropriate box for e-mail, fax or mail. The FPCA can also be used to register to vote.
3. **How to check the status of a requested absent voter ballot:** Go to the Michigan Voter Information Center ([Michigan.gov/vote](http://Michigan.gov/vote)) Web site and type in the requested information. Your absent voter ballot status will display along with other information.
4. **How to check registration status in Michigan:** Go to the Michigan Voter Information Center ([Michigan.gov/vote](http://Michigan.gov/vote)) Web site and follow instructions.
5. **How to learn more about candidates and proposals on the ballot:** Go to the Michigan Voter Information Center ([Michigan.gov/vote](http://Michigan.gov/vote)) Web site and type in the requested information. Click on "View My Sample Ballot."
6. **How to contact your city or township clerk in Michigan:** Go to the Michigan Voter Information Center ([Michigan.gov/vote](http://Michigan.gov/vote)) Web site. Click on "Find Your Clerk."
7. **How to obtain assistance or ask a question:** Go to the Michigan Voter Information Center ([Michigan.gov/vote](http://Michigan.gov/vote)) Web site. Click on "Contact SOS."
8. **How to take advantage of discounted mailing costs for overseas voters:** Go to the Overseas Vote Foundation Web site (<https://www.overseasvotefoundation.org>). Click on "Express Your Vote" and follow instructions.

**Important note: Only those voters covered under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) are eligible to use the Federal Post Card Application Form (FPCA) and receive an absentee ballot by e-mail or fax. Covered voters include:**

- A member of a uniformed service on active duty who is absent from his or her city or township of residence. (Voter can be inside or outside the United States.)
- A member of the Merchant Marine who, by reason of service in the Merchant Marine, is absent from his or her city or township of residence. (Voter can be inside or outside the United States.)
- A spouse or dependent of a member of a uniformed service or a member of the Merchant Marine who, by reason of the active duty or service of the member, is absent from his or her city or township of residence. (Voter can be inside or outside the United States.)
- A civilian voter who is outside the United States and is eligible to vote in Michigan.