

MILITARY AND OVERSEAS VOTERS

MILITARY VS. OVERSEAS

A voter is a “military voter” if they are:

- A member of any of the Armed Services.
- A member of the commissioned corps of the USPHS or NOAA.
- A member of the United States Merchant Marine.
- A civilian employee of the United States, including civilian employees of the armed forces overseas.
- A Peace Corps volunteer.
- A spouse or dependent of any of the above.

A voter is a “temporary overseas voter” if they are Wisconsin residents who currently live abroad but intend to return to Wisconsin.

A voter is a “permanent overseas voter” if they or their parent last resided in Wisconsin before moving abroad, and have no intention of returning to Wisconsin.

MILITARY VOTERS

- Military voters do not need to register to vote when casting an absentee ballot.
- Military voters can use MyVote to request an absentee ballot, or mail/fax/email a Federal Post Card Application to the Election Commission.
- You can request your ballot by mail, fax, or email, but you cannot return the ballot electronically.
- If needed, a Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot can be used if an absentee ballot has not shown up in time.

TEMPORARY OVERSEAS VOTERS

- Temporary overseas voters must be registered to vote and need to provide proof of residence in order to register. If you are not registered, a Federal Post Card Application counts as both registration and an absentee application.
- Temporary overseas voters who are not registered must postmark their registration by the 3rd Wednesday before the election in order to vote.
- You can use MyVote to register and request an absentee ballot as well.

PERMANENT OVERSEAS VOTERS

- Permanent overseas voters must register to vote BUT do not need to provide proof of residence. If you are not registered, a Federal Post Card Application counts as both registration and an absentee application.
- Permanent overseas voters who are not registered must postmark their registration by the 3rd Wednesday before the election in order to vote.
- You can use MyVote to register and request an absentee ballot as well.

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