

Guide to Application by Overseas Absentees and Overseas Electorate Registration

The 18th Presidential Election will take place on December 19, 2012. We hope that all individuals wishing to vote will execute their precious right to vote within the time frame needed for registration and application. Instruction for proceeding follows.

Application/Registration Period: July 22, 2012 through October 20, 2012 (91 days)

Eligible Parties

- Common requirement: A Korean national that holds the right to vote in the presidential election, and wishes to execute his vote abroad
- Application by Overseas Absentees : Currently has a domestic residential registration or has domestic address
 - A person who will leave Korea before the absentee vote period and will return after Election Day
 - A person who resides abroad and will not return until after Election Day
- Overseas Electorate Registration : A person without a domestic residential registration nor domestic address

Place of Submission

- People who live abroad (All applicants for application by overseas absentees or overseas electorate registration) should submit to the consulate offices.
- People who live in Korea should submit their applications to the governor of their city, county or gu

Submission Method

- Application by overseas absentees can be submitted by mail or in person
- Overseas electorate registration must visit the local consulate to apply in person
 - ※ Applicant for the overseas electorate registration must present the originals of your passport and other documentation recognized by the Local Overseas Election Officials to verify your nationality, otherwise the application will not be accepted.

Required Documents

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ① Overseas Absentees Application ② A copy of your passport <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Dispatched troops may use verification by the Minister of Defense or your commanding officer instead of a copy of your passport. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ① Overseas Electorate Registration Application ② A copy of your passport ③ Documentation recognized by your local Overseas Election officials to verify your nationality may include: visa, immigration documents, long-term residency, or alien registration documents issued by the country of residence ④ In cases where ③ cannot be submitted because a person has dual citizenship, they must submit one of the following documents issued by the Republic of Korea <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ The acquisition of nationality certificate, retaining nationality certificate, the nationality choice certificate, foreign nationality renunciation certificate, the foreign nationality abandonment confirmation document, or documentation proving military service to verify dual citizenship

For detailed information regarding methods and procedures for application by overseas absentees or the sorts of documentation verifying national required for overseas electorate, please go to the National Election Commission's homepage, <http://ok.nec.go.kr>, or the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at <http://www.mofat.go.kr>