



Consular Section of the U.S. Embassy

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FOR THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY

U.S. Embassy Lisbon

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8—10 30 a.m.
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1:30—3:30 p.m.
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American Citizen Services
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9000-059 Funchal
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American Citizen Services
Hours: Monday to Friday
9 am—1 pm



Closure of the Consular Section for November/December

The Consular Section will be closed for the following holidays:

- November 11—Veteran's Day
- November 27—Thanksgiving
- December 1—Restoration of Portuguese Independence
- December 8—Feast of Immaculate Conception
- December 25—Christmas



American citizens should have already mailed their absentee ballots for the November 4, 2008 presidential and general elections. Mail transmission from the U.S. Embassy to the U.S. takes approximately 3 to 4 days. Ballots submitted to the U.S. Embassy now will not arrive in the U.S. by November 4.

Forgot to mail your ballot?

Although the U.S. Embassy can transmit your ballot free of charge, it is too late to guarantee arrival by November 4. Voters who have not yet mailed their absentee ballots should consider alternate means including express courier. A few states also accept completed ballots by fax or e-mail.

Check the [Voting Assistance Guide](#) for your state's deadlines and fax/e-mail options.

Ballot hasn't arrived?

If your ballot has not arrived, use the [Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot](#) (FWAB). The FWAB serves as an emergency ballot for voters who registered in time but fail to receive an official ballot from local election officials. The FWAB is available at www.fvap.gov or from any U.S. Embassy or Consulate.

If your regular state ballot arrives after you have mailed the FWAB, complete and mail the state ballot as well.

Questions?

The **Voting Assistance Officer** at U.S. Embassy Lisbon is available to answer questions about absentee voting. To contact the Voting Assistance Officer, call 21-770-2499 or send an e-mail to VoteLisbon@state.gov.

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You Can Vote From Almost Anywhere!

"It's not unusual for folks to cast absentee ballots when they're out-of-town on election day -- some do it even if they are out of this world.

Clay Anderson was about 215 miles above the earth when he cast his ballot last year for a series of proposition measures in his home town of League City, Tex. An astronaut and spacewalker, Anderson was on the international space station with a couple of Russian astronauts when he received his ballot via computer uplink.



He filled it out and sent it back through cyberspace. " http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/10/15/AR2008101502976_pf.html

Portraits of America Film

For the Department of State and Department of Homeland Security, Walt Disney Resorts and Parks created a film to show the diversity from all regions and walks of life in the U.S. It is shown at ports of entry in the U.S. as well as embassies and consulates around the world. [Click here](#) to take a look!

Plan Your Retirement

A large number of Americans are retiring now and the figures are expected to steadily increase until 2010, when the majority of the baby boomers reach retirement age.

To help folks plan, the Social Security Administration recently launched the online Retirement Estimator. [Click here](#) for the website.



The Retirement Estimator provides immediate and personalized benefit estimates online, helping accurate estimates for those close to retirement and helping younger workers plan and save for theirs. It is convenient and secure. In conjunction, the SSA launched a new fact sheet, "When to Start Receiving Retirement Benefits." [Click here](#) to learn more.

Ask the Consul General!

If you have a question for the Consul General and you'd like other Americans to benefit from the answer, please send it to: Conslisbon@state.gov (ATTN: Ask the Consul General). We'll print your question and our response in the next newsletter. Of course, your personal information such as name, address, etc., will be protected.

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Consular Fees

Passport	Adult Renewal	56.00 €	\$75.00
	Minor Renewal	64.00 €	\$85.00
	1st time Applicant	75.00 €	\$100.00
	Lost/Stolen	75.00 €	\$100.00
Report of Birth Package		113.00 €	\$150.00
Consular Certificate		23.00 €	\$30.00
Notaries	1st document	23.00 €	\$30.00
	2nd Document	15.00 €	\$20.00