



Consular Section of the U.S. Embassy

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FOR THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY

U.S. Embassy Lisbon

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American Citizen Services
Hours: Monday to Friday
8—11:30 a.m.
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For emergencies concerning an
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American Citizen Services
Hours: Monday to Friday
9 am—1 pm



Closure of the Consular Section for October

The Consular Section will be closed October 13 for Columbus Day.

Register to Vote NOW!



American citizens should register to vote now for the November 4, 2008 presidential and general elections. Many states close voter registration 30 days before the general election. Don't forget the time it takes for voting forms to reach the U.S. by mail.

Voters who have not yet registered to vote and requested an absentee ballot should complete a Federal Postcard Application (FPCA) on the Federal Voting Assistance Program's website at www.fvap.gov. You may also pick up a hard copy of the FPCA from the Consular Section.

You should also complete a new Federal Postcard Application if you have moved or changed your name since the last time you voted.

FPCAs may be mailed to your local voting officials in the U.S. through the regular international mail or from any U.S. Embassy or Consulate. Some states also accept FPCAs by fax or e-mail.

Voting

Your local voting officials should mail your absentee ballot 30 to 45 days before the November 4 general election. Return your voted ballot as early as possible. Be aware of your state's ballot receipt deadline, as well as any postmarking requirements.

Emergency Ballots

The Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) serves as an emergency ballot for voters who registered in time but fail to receive an official ballot from local election officials. You can access the FWAB using www.fvap.gov as well.

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Questions?

The **Voting Assistance Officer** at the Consular Section in Lisbon is also always available to answer questions about absentee voting. To contact the Voting Assistance Officer, call 21-770-2499/2411 or send an e-mail to: VoteLisbon@state.gov.

Safety and Security

[Click here](#) for the latest Worldwide Caution Announcement for American Citizens living and traveling abroad.

The announcement updates information on the continuing threat of terrorist actions and violence against American citizens and interests throughout the world.

Selective Service



Did you know that ALL male U.S. citizens between the ages of 18 and 25 are required by federal law to register with the selective service? This applies to dual nationals who may be living outside of the country as well.

The law gives you 30 days before or after your 18th birthday to register. Registration can be done online, by mail, at the post office or at any American high school. For more information or to register online go to <http://www.sss.gov/>

Do You Have Enough Pages in Your Passport?

"Question: My adult son, traveling with his wife and child, was recently refused permission to board a flight from England to South Africa because he had only one blank page in his passport. How do you know which country wants more than one blank page?" For more information, read: <http://articles.latimes.com/2008/mar/09/travel/tr-spot9>

You can add blank pages to your passport at the Consular Section for free. You may submit your passport and completed **DS-4085** in person or via mail (Send to: Embaixada, Secção Consular, Apartado 43033, 1601-301 Lisboa Codex).

PHONE LINE

Call the American Citizen Services Phone Line for recorded information about our services.

21-727-2122

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 names, etc., will be protected.

Consular Fees

Passport	Adult Renewal	51.00 €	\$75.00
	Minor Renewal	58.00 €	\$85.00
	1st time Applicant	68.00 €	\$100.00
	Lost/Stolen	68.00 €	\$100.00
Report of Birth Package		102.00 €	\$150.00
Consular Certificate		20.00 €	\$30.00
Notaries	1st document	20.00 €	\$30.00
	2nd Document	14.00 €	\$20.00