

JURORS WORKING/LIVING OUTSIDE U.S.

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How do you handle jurors that are living and/or working outside to the United States?

We seem to have this issue come up more and more, and I am trying to develop a procedure to address this matter.

1	Dolores Curiel	Merced we Disqualify them as Non Resident for a duration of 24 months
2	Diane Collins	Mendocino County excuses them as "Dis-qualified/Non-resident" for about 18 months
3	Deb Preston	Marin, if they won't be returning within a 6-month period, they're disqualified for 12 months. If they will be returning within 6 months, they'll be rescheduled with an "out of area" reason code.
4	Edwina Harper	In Yolo County if the juror is working outside of the country, we ask that they have their employer email or fax us a letter verifying employment outside the country. Once we receive the notification, they are excused for one year. If the next time they receive a summons and circumstances are still the same, then we will need a new letter. If the juror is a college student attending school abroad, we ask them to fax us a copy of their current school registration form confirming enrollment. If the person is a spouse of someone who is working or going to school outside of the country, we ask them to send us verification that their spouse is currently employed or going to school overseas and then we will also excuse them for one year.
5	Elizabeth Renteria	Contra Costa we ask for a letter from an employer if the perspective juror or spouse is working in another country. For students studying abroad, we ask for confirmation from the institution in which they are enrolled. The same as Yolo county.
6	Lupe Castaneda	Santa Clara County has the same procedure as Fresno
7	Sherry Spears	If the juror is not returning at all to their home in the next 12 months we will excuse them once we receive it in writing from the juror. But if they are returning at all within a year, we will postpone them
8	Theda Kaelin	In Orange County, if a perspective juror is living and/or working outside of the county for 12 months and does not periodically return (i.e. students), they are disqualified for non-residency.
9	Nellie Jaime	San Bernardino County we excuse for transportation
10	Tammy Boragine	Amador County I find out why the individual is out of the country and when he/she will be returning. If they are working outside the US and residing there for more than a year, I make note of the call in my jury program, excuse them and inform them they will be summoned next year. Usually the call is from a family member so I ask them to complete the summons and sign under penalty of perjury. I feel that is about all we can do. We don't have many, just a handful. Good luck! – Tammy