



# **VOTER GUIDE FOR 2020 ELECTIONS TO BE HELD ON 21 JUNE 2020**

REPUBLIC ELECTORAL COMMISSION

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By voting, i.e. by circling an ordinal number before a name of an electoral list on a ballot paper, you will participate in the election of **250 MPs to the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia** who, on your behalf and on behalf of all citizens of the Republic of Serbia, will pass laws and other legal acts, elect the Government and other public officials, and supervise the work of the Government and other national authorities.

Candidates for Members of Parliament are proposed by political parties, political parties' coalitions and groups of citizens.

Voters residing in the territory of the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina will elect **120 deputies to the Assembly of the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina** who will pass decisions and other acts governing public affairs aimed at serving the general interests of the Province.

Candidates for deputies are proposed by political parties, political parties' coalitions and groups of citizens, and coalitions of political parties and groups of citizens.

In most municipalities/cities, voters will also elect councillors to municipal/city assemblies who will pass regulations governing public affairs aimed at serving the interests of a local self-government.

Candidates for councillors are proposed by political parties, political parties' coalitions and groups of citizens.

## Can I vote?

You can vote in the election of MPs to the National Assembly provided that:

- You are a national of the Republic of Serbia
- You are at least 18 years old
- You have legal capacity
- You have a domicile in the Republic of Serbia

## Am I in the Electoral Roll?

You may check whether you are entered in the Electoral Roll by visiting your municipal/city administration or by sending a request via the following web page: <https://upit.birackispisak.gov.rs>

In case you are not in the Electoral Roll or if your personal data in it are wrong, you need to require entering or changing the data in the Electoral Roll by filing a request to the municipal/city administration of your place of domicile, before the closure of the Electoral Roll on **5 June 2020**.

If you are a voter who is a member of a national minority, you are entitled to file the request to your municipal/city administration for entering your name and surname in the Electoral Roll in the language and script of your national minority, next to the one in Serbian language and Cyrillic script.

Between the closure of the Electoral Roll and 17 June 2020, you may file the request for entering or changing the data in the Electoral Roll to the Ministry of Public Administration and Local Self-Government, directly or via your municipal/city administration.

## Where can I vote?

You may vote at the election of MPs to the National Assembly at a polling place where you are entered in the excerpt from the Electoral Roll.

You may vote in the polling place where:

- you are entered in the excerpt from the Electoral Roll according to your place of domicile (address from the ID card)
- you are entered in the excerpt from the Electoral Roll according to your place of residence (place in which you chose to vote )

If you wish to vote for MPs to the National Assembly in the place where you will be residing on the election day, you need to file a request for entering in the Electoral Roll the information that you will vote in the forthcoming elections in the place of your residence (place in which you chose to vote). You need to file such a request to the municipal/city administration on whose territory you wish to cast your vote, **before 30 May 2020** at the latest.

## When can I vote?

You may cast your vote only on the election day, **21 June 2020**.

Polling stations will open at 7 am and close at 8 pm. You may cast your vote at any moment in this time period.

If you happen to be at the polling station at the moment of its closure or just before it, you will be allowed to cast a vote.

## What document do I need to have on me to be able to vote?

In order to vote you need to show proof of your identity. Only proofs of identity accepted are a **valid ID card or a valid passport**.

If the **validity of your ID card or your passport has expired**, you need to have on you, along with the expired ID card or passport, a paper issued by the Ministry of Interior confirming that you have filed a request for issuing a new ID card or passport.

In case you have a different surname than the surname registered in the excerpt from the Electoral Roll, the polling board will allow you to cast a vote, provided that they can verify that you are the same person as the one entered in the register, based on your photo and the Unique Master Citizen Number in the document that you show as proof of your identity.

If you are completing the national service or if you are on temporary military duty or undergoing education in units or institutions of the Serbian Armed Forces, you can present the **military ID card** as your proof of identity.

When confirming your identity, it is desirable to also present the notification on the day and time of elections that should have been delivered to you at least five days before the election day.

## What happens when I go to vote?

On the election day, when you arrive to your polling station, members of the polling board will:

- check your right-hand forefinger with a UV lamp to make sure you have not already voted

- check your identity by checking the data from your ID card or passport
- find you in the excerpt from the Electoral Roll and circle the ordinal number before your name
- ask you to put your signature in the excerpt from the Electoral Roll
- give you a ballot paper
- mark your right-hand forefinger with a spray
- inform you on the voting method and refer you to the place envisaged for voting

## What is the voting method?

When you access the place envisaged for voting, you should first read the contents of the ballot paper given to you. A ballot paper contains the list of all electoral lists participating in the elections. You cast a vote by **circling the ordinal number before the name of the electoral list you wish to vote for**.

**You vote alone and in secrecy (behind a voting screen ensuring the secrecy of vote).**

When you circle the ordinal number, you should fold the ballot paper and put it in the ballot box.

## How to vote with an assistance of an aide?

If a voter cannot fill out the ballot paper individually at the polling station (illiterate person), he/she will be entitled to bring an aide to the polling station to fill out the ballot paper(s) instead of him/her in the way he/she is instructed to by the voter.

## Who can vote outside the polling station and how?

If you are unable to vote at a polling station (for medical reasons or because you are an elderly person), you need to **inform the polling board that you wish to vote outside the polling station, in the period from 19 June 2020 to 11 am on the election day**.

Before the election day, you may inform the polling board through a working body at your municipal/city administration, and on the election

day, you may inform the polling board directly or through the working body.

Voting outside the polling station means that three polling board members will visit you in your home and they will:

- check whether you have already voted by using a UV lamp
- check your identity
- give you the following: a ballot paper, a general electoral list, a certificate on suffrage for voting out of the polling station and a special envelope in which you will put the ballot paper after completing it
- spray your finger to mark it and inform you about the voting method.

After the polling board members leave the room in which you will vote, you will:

- cast a vote, alone or with an assistance of an aide you choose yourself
- fold the ballot paper and put it in the envelope that you will close
- sign the certificate on suffrage you received

After casting a vote, the polling board members will return to the room in which you voted and:

- seal the envelope with the ballot paper in it
- take over the signed certificate of suffrage for voting outside the polling station

## VOTING REMINDER

- ① check whether you are registered in the Electoral Roll
- ① file a request to your municipal/city administration for a change/correction of personal data, if necessary
- ① file a request to your municipal/city administration for entering your name and surname in the language and script of your national minority, if you wish to do so
- ① check at which polling station you should vote, that is, check where you are registered in the excerpt from the Electoral Roll
- ① file a request to municipal/city administration for entering in the Electoral Roll the information that you will vote in the forthcoming elections in your place of residence (place in which you chose to vote), if necessary
- ① plan your arrival to the polling station on the election day
- ① check whether you have a valid ID card or passport
- ① ask the polling board members about the voting method, if you have any uncertainties
- ① take your aide to the polling station if you are unable to vote independently
- ① If you are unable to vote at a polling station for medical reasons or because you are an elderly person, inform the polling board on time that you wish to vote outside the polling station