



# **VOTER GUIDE FOR VOTING ABROAD IN THE ELECTIONS ON 21 JUNE 2020**

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## **A BRIEF ON ELECTIONS TO BE HELD ON 21 JUNE 2020**

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.

### **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

### **How can I vote abroad?**

If you are residing abroad on the election day, you need to file a request for entering in the Electoral Roll the information that you will vote abroad in the forthcoming elections. You need to file this request to the diplomatic-consular mission of the Republic of Serbia, **until 30 May 2020 at the latest.**

The diplomatic/consular missions will forward your request to the municipal/city administration of your place of domicile in the Republic of Serbia.

If you are registered in the Electoral Roll, the municipal/city administration will pass a Decision stating that you have expressed a wish to vote in the place of your residence abroad.

## Am I in the Electoral Roll?

You may check whether you are registered in the Electoral Roll by visiting 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 directly to the municipal/city administration of your place of domicile in the Republic of Serbia or through the diplomatic/consular mission, before the closure of the Electoral Roll on **5 June 2020**.

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 of your place of domicile in the Republic of Serbia.

You are registered in the Electoral Roll according to your last place of domicile before going abroad, or the last place of domicile of one of your parents.

## Where can I vote?

After the Republic Electoral Commission determines the polling place for voting abroad, the municipal/city administration of your place of domicile in the Republic of Serbia will pass a Decision stating that you will vote in the place of your residence abroad, and the name of the polling station in which you will vote, and this Decision will be delivered to you.

If the polling station in the place of your residence abroad where you expressed your wish to vote has not been determined, you will be able to vote only in the Republic of Serbia, in the place of your domicile in the Republic of Serbia.

## When can I vote?

Voting will be possible on the election day on **21 June 2020**, but the Republic Electoral Commission will determine the date and time of the beginning and finishing the voting abroad depending on the time zone in which the voting is conducted abroad.

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.

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.

## VOTING REMINDER

- ① check whether you are registered in the Electoral Roll
- ② require entering/changing the data in the Electoral Roll by filing a request directly to the municipal/city administration of your place of domicile in the Republic of Serbia or through the diplomatic/consular mission, if necessary
- ② file a request to the diplomatic/consular mission of the republic of Serbia for entering in the Electoral Roll the information that you will vote abroad in the forthcoming elections
- ① check at which polling station you should vote, that is, check where you are registered in the excerpt from the Electoral Roll
- 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 bring your aide to the polling station if you are unable to vote independently