

REPUBLIC ELECTORAL COMMISSION

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.

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: <u>https://upit.birackispisak.gov.rs</u>

The web page where you can check whether you are registered in the Electoral Roll is technically accessible to the blind and visually impaired individuals, because it contains an audio file enabling you to enter the requested code.

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 an official in charge of the Electoral Roll at 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, in person or via an official in charge of the Electoral Roll in your municipal/city administration.

Where can I vote?

You may vote in 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 official in charge of the Electoral Roll in the municipal/city administration in whose territory you wish to cast your vote, **before 30 May 2020** at the latest. You may get the request form from the official in charge of the Electoral Roll at the municipal/city administration, or the official will help you make such a request.

By submitting a request on the web page <u>https://upit.birackispisak.gov.rs</u>, you may check at which polling station you need to vote.

Is the polling station at which I vote accessible?

You can check whether your polling station is accessible on the web page of the Republic Electoral Commission.

https://www.rik.parlament.gov.rs/tekst/3194/pristupacnostbirackih-mesta.php

May I enter the polling station if I use a guide dog as an assistance in moving?

If you are a blind or visually impaired person, in case you move with an assistance of a guide dog, you will be able to access a polling station if you have proof of acquired knowledge, abilities and skills to move with a guide dog and a guide dog training certificate.

May I come to the polling station accompanied with another person (aide)?

If you are unable to vote on your own at the polling station, you are entitled to bring an aide of your own choice to the polling station. You need to inform the poling board that you are a person with disabilities and that this is the reason for which you have brought an aide with you.

An aide may assist you in those activities during the voting that you cannot carry out yourself (e.g. to present personal documents, to present information on the date and time of the election, to put a signature in the

excerpt from the Electoral Roll, to complete the ballot paper the way you instructed him/her to do, etc.).

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.

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.

In case you do not have the right-hand index finger, the next available finger to the right, or the right-hand thumb will be check with a UV lamp. If you do not have the right hand, then your left-hand index finger, or the next available finger to the left, and eventually the thumb of that hand, will be checked with a UV lamp. If this is not possible, there will be no check with a UV lamp.

- Your identity will be verified by checking the data from your ID card or passport.
- They will find you in the excerpt from the Electoral Roll and circle the ordinal number before your name.
- You will be asked to put your signature in the excerpt from the Electoral Roll.

If you cannot sign, you are entitled to use a stamp with an engraved signature (signature stamp), or a stamp containing the data on your personal identity, as a signature. The poling board will allow you to put the stamp on the excerpt from the Electoral Roll, so that you could take the ballot paper.

In case you do not have the signature stamp/stamp, your aide who you brought to the polling station will put his/her name and surname as a signature in the excerpt from the Electoral Roll, instead of you.

- The ballot paper will be given to your or to your aide.
- They will mark your right-hand forefinger with a spray.

In case you do not have the right-hand index finger, the next available finger to the right will be marked, or the right-hand thumb. If you do not have the right hand, then your left hand index finger will be marked, or the next available finger to the left, and eventually the thumb of that hand. If this is not possible, no spray will be applied for the marking purpose.

• They will 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 in secrecy (behind a screen ensuring the secrecy of voting) and alone or with an assistance of the aide who will fill out the ballot paper instead of you, the way you instruct him/her to do.

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

If you are unable to vote on your own at the polling station, the aide you brought with you to the polling station will fill out the ballot paper the way you instruct him/her to do and put the ballot paper in the ballot box.

Who can vote outside the polling station and how?

If you are unable to vote at a polling station, 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.**

On the election day, you may inform the polling board directly or the working body at your municipal/city administration, that will then inform the polling board.

Before the election day, you may inform the working body at your municipal/city administration, that will then inform the polling board.

The Republic Electoral Commission will publish in good time phone numbers of the working bodies, on its official web page.

What is the voting method outside polling stations?

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

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

In case you do not have the right-hand index finger, the next available finger to the right, or the right-hand thumb will be check with a UV lamp. If you do not have the right hand, then your left-hand index finger, or the next available finger to the left, and eventually the thumb of that hand, will be checked with a UV lamp. If this is not possible, there will be no check with a UV lamp.

- verify your identity by checking the data from your ID card or passport
- hand out the ballot paper to your or to your aide
- give you or your aide the following: a general electoral list, a certificate on suffrage for voting out of the polling station and a special envelope in which you or your aide will put the ballot paper after completing it
- spray your finger to mark it and inform you about the voting method

In case you do not have the right-hand index finger, the next available finger to the right will be marked, or the right-hand thumb. If you do not have the right hand, then your left hand index finger will be marked, or the next available finger to the left, and eventually the thumb of that hand. If this is not possible, no spray will be applied for the marking purpose.

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

- cast a vote, yourself or with an assistance of an aide, by circling the ordinal number before the name of the electoral list you wish to vote for
- fold the ballot paper, yourself or with an assistance of an aide, and put it in the envelope that will close be closed by you or by your aide
- sign the certificate on suffrage you received

If you cannot sign, you are entitled to use a stamp with an engraved signature (signature stamp), or a stamp containing the data on your personal identity, as a signature. The poling board's authorised officers will allow you to put the stamp on the certificate on suffrage. In case you cannot sign and you do not have the signature stamp/stamp, the certificate on suffrage may be signed by your aide with his/her name and surname.

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
0	file a request to your municipal/city administration for a change/correction of personal data, if necessary
0	file a request to your municipal/city administration for entering your name and surname in the script of your national minority language and using your national minority language spelling, 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
0	ask the polling board members about the voting method, if you have any uncertainties
0	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, inform the polling board on time that you wish to vote from your home