

## FAQ

### **Do I need to register again if I was already registered for the previous elections?**

If you were registered for the 2019 elections and you still live in the same jurisdiction, you don't have to register again for the 2024 elections.

If you moved to another jurisdiction, you will have to register in the new Consular post (Embassy or Consulate General) and fill out a new registration form for the elections as well.

### **Is my proxy form from the 2019 elections still valid in 2024?**

Your proxy form remains valid insofar as you still are registered in the same consular post and that your proxyholder has not died or moved to another municipality of attachment.

### **If I already registered to vote by proxy, but my address on those forms need to be updated, can I do this online?**

Yes, you can change it online via [eConsul](#) or you can send an email to your consular post with a proof of address.

### **When voting by mail, how can I be sure my ballot will arrive in time?**

Voters who chose to vote by mail will receive their electoral envelope at the earliest on May 16, 2024. The return envelope should arrive in Belgium no later than June 9, 2024 at 2:00 PM CET. It is the voter's responsibility to ensure a timely return.

### **Can I vote if my passport has expired?**

Yes, you can vote without having a Belgian passport as long as you're registered in a Consular post.

### **Can I vote digitally with eID and a Belgian passport?**

No, it is not possible to vote digitally. You can only vote in the 5 ways established by law. You can, however, register digitally for the elections with your eID via eConsul.

### **Where can I get a card reader to use eConsul?**

This is not a specific card reader. You can buy any smartcard reader online.

### **How should I proceed if I forgot the PIN code of my eID?**

You can reset your PIN by visiting any Belgian consulate or Belgian city hall with your ID card and PUK code.

### **How should I proceed if I forgot the PUK code of my eID?**

You can request a new PUK code on the following website:

<http://www.ibz.rrn.fgov.be/nl/identiteitsdocumenten/eid/aanvraag-pincode>  
[Demande d'obtention de nouveaux codes pour votre carte d'identité électronique - eID - Direction générale Identité et Affaires citoyennes \(fgov.be\)](#)

Your PUK code will be sent to the Consulate. Therefore, please send us a prepaid self-addressed envelope with a note so we can ship it to you. You will be notified by email when the code arrives.

### **Is there a registration form in English?**

No, all the documents are available in the 3 official Belgian languages (Dutch, French and German).

### **Is there a penalty if I don't register as a voter or if I fail to cast my vote on the day of the elections?**

Yes. All Belgians registered in the population registers of Belgian consular posts are bound by the obligation to vote. Belgians who fail to vote may be sentenced to a reprimand or fine in accordance with Article 210 of the Electoral Code.

### **Can 16 and 17 year old Belgians vote?**

Yes, Belgians between the ages of 16 and 18 can vote in the European Parliament elections. However, they are not bound by the obligation to vote.