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1. Registration

When can I register for the elections?

Anytime BUT the deadline to register for the 2024 elections was April, 1, 2024.

Any change/registration after that date will apply for the next elections (not the 2024 elections).

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.

How can I check if I'm registered for the elections?

You can check the status of your registration on [Mijn Dossier \(fgov.be\)](https://fgov.be), under "Mijn gegevens" / "Mes données". You'll be able to check how and where you have chosen to vote.

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 (Embassy or Consulate General) 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.

Is there a registration form in English?

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

Can I change the way and/or the city I want to vote for the elections?

You can make/request a change anytime BUT the deadline to register for the 2024/s elections was April, 1 2024.

Any change/registration after that date will apply for the next elections (not the 2024 elections).

2. Voting by proxy (in Belgium or at the consulate/embassy)

Your proxy form remains valid insofar as you still are registered in the same consular post (Embassy or Consulate General) 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 (Embassy or Consulate General) with a proof of address.

I gave a proxy to someone. Shall I receive any invitation letter for the election?

As a Belgian voter abroad, you will not receive any documents yourself.

Your proxy holder will receive a copy of the proxy form with his/her own invitation letter.

3. Voting by mail

When shall I receive the ballot paper?

Your ballot paper will be sent in an envelope to the address abroad that we had on March 31, 2024 at the earliest in the second half of May.

At which address shall I receive my ballot paper?

You will receive an envelope at your address or PO Box address (depending on your registered choice), as known to my services on March 31, 2024.

If you have moved since then, please let us know with proof of new address; We will do our best to have your notice letter delivered to the correct address, but we cannot guarantee this.

What is the content of the envelope?

The envelope contains :

- a ballot paper,
- a return envelope,
- an identification form and
- an informative note explaining how you can validly vote.

What if the ballot paper, the identification form and/or the return envelope is/are missing?

Please contact ASAP the consulate/embassy where you are registered.

Can I use any type of pencil to vote?

NO, this must be done with a RED pencil!

When should I send my ballot paper and the identification form back?

ASAP! The return envelope must reach the competent authority in Belgium no later than June 9, 2024 at 2 pm !

Where should I send my ballot paper and the identification form back?

The address is mentioned on the return envelop that you have to use.

Who will pay for sending my ballot paper and the identification form back?

You will bear the costs for the sending yourself.

Can I send the ballot by Fedex, DHL, UPS?

Yes, but at your cost.

What if I can't vote by mail ?

If you are unable to vote by post, you must inform the competent court in Belgium as soon as possible after the elections of the reasons for your impediment and support this request with all necessary supporting documents (hotel bills, airline tickets, statements from the employer, etc.).

<https://territoriale-bevoegdheid.just.fgov.be/cgi-main/competence-territoriale.pl>.

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

It is the voter's responsibility to ensure a timely return.

4. Voting in person in Belgium

When should I vote?

The federal and European elections in Belgium will take place on Sunday, June 9, 2024. The polling stations are open from 8am until 2 pm (4pm if electronic voting system is used).

Where should I go exactly?

The address of the polling station is mentioned on the invitation letter that you'll receive.

What should I bring with me?

Your invitation letter and your BELGIAN eID or BELGIAN passport.

When shall I receive my invitation letter?

Your invitation letter will be sent in the second half of May to the address abroad that we had on March 31, 2024.

If you have moved since then, please let us know with proof of new address; We will do our best to have your notice letter delivered to the correct address, but we cannot guarantee this.

What should I do if I don't receive my invitation letter?

If you do not receive this letter in time, you can also contact the municipality where you will vote to receive a copy of this convocation letter. You will therefore be able to vote without receiving this letter at your address abroad.

You can also present yourself with your BELGIAN ID or BELGIAN PASSPORT but please make sure you go to the correct polling station.

What if I can't go to vote in Belgium on June, 9?

If you will not be able to vote in Belgium, you must inform the competent court in Belgium as soon as possible after the elections of the reasons for your impediment and support this request with all necessary supporting documents (hotel bills, plane tickets, statements from the employer, etc.).

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5. Voting in person at the Consulate/Embassy where you are registered

When should I vote?

The federal and European elections in Belgium will take place on Wednesday, June 5, 2024. The polling stations are open from 1pm until 7 pm.

Where should I go exactly?

The address of the polling station is mentioned on the invitation letter that you'll receive.

What should I bring with me?

Your invitation letter and your BELGIAN eID or BELGIAN passport.

When shall I receive my invitation letter?

Your invitation letter will be sent in the second half of May to the address abroad that we had on March 31, 2024.

If you have moved since then, please let us know with proof of new address; We will do our best to have your notice letter delivered to the correct address, but we cannot guarantee this.

What should I do if I don't receive my invitation letter?

If you do not receive this letter in time, you can also contact the consulate where you will vote to receive a copy of this convocation letter. You will therefore be able to vote without receiving this letter at your address abroad.

You can also present yourself with your BELGIAN ID or BELGIAN PASSPORT but please make sure you go to the correct polling station.

What if I can't go to vote at the consulate/embassy on June, 5?

If you will not be able to vote at the consulate/embassy, you must inform the consulate/embassy as soon as possible after the elections of the reasons for your impediment and support this request with all necessary supporting documents (hotel bills, plane tickets, statements from the employer, etc.).

6. Miscellaneous

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.