



# INFORMATION ON HOW TO VOTE IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS


Elections to municipal councils are held in every municipality.



 Larger municipalities are further divided into city districts, and here elections are held for the council of the entire city, as well as elections for the councils of individual city districts. This is the case for the city of Prague.

## Who is entitled to vote in municipal elections in the Czech Republic?

 Citizens of the Czech Republic aged 18 and over who have permanent residence in a municipality.

 EU citizens aged 18 and over who have permanent or temporary residence and have applied to be added to the electoral roll (voter list).

 **Citizens of non-EU countries do not have the right to vote in the Czech Republic.**

**You can only vote for representatives of your district, or representatives of both the district and the city of Prague. You receive two ballot papers: one for the district and one for the city.**



## EU citizens - Applying to be added to the electoral roll (voter list)

You can apply to be registered in person at the municipal district office ("Úřad městské části") in which you live. You must be able to prove your identity, citizenship of an EU country and residence in the Czech Republic.

If registering in the city of Prague, you need only apply for registration at the municipal district office in your district of Prague ("Úřad městské části"); there is no need to also apply for registration at the Prague City Hall.

**You only need to apply for registration if you are voting for the first time; it is not necessary to do so in any subsequent elections.**

The application form can be found [here](#).

You can apply to be registered to vote at the municipal district office at any time up until two days before the election day (i.e. on Wednesday, September 21st until 4:00 p.m.).

# Procedure at the polling station



- Czech citizens must prove their identity and citizenship of the Czech Republic in the polling station.
- Instead of Czech citizenship, an EU citizen can bring an identity card (citizen's card or passport) and proof of residence in the Czech Republic.

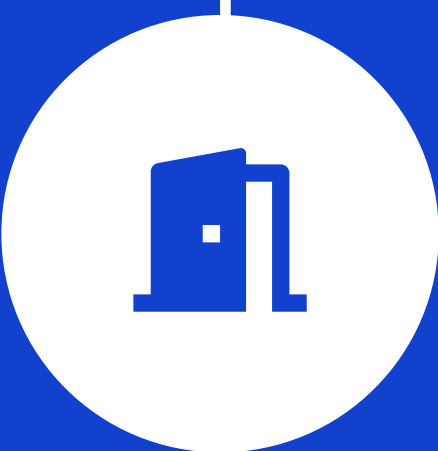
In exceptional circumstances, in particular for health reasons, a voter may ask the municipal authority on the day of the election to be able to vote at a place not in the polling station – in a portable ballot box. However, the district election commission can only send such a portable ballot box to a place within its own electoral district.



Each voter votes in person; voting by proxy is not permitted.



The voter receives an empty official envelope with an official stamp from the district election commission. Upon request, the commission will also issue him/her a ballot paper.



The voter enters the area designated for completing their ballot papers with their official envelope and ballot paper.



The voter votes by inserting the completed ballot paper into the official envelope, and then posting it through the ballot box in front of the precinct's election commission.



# Ballot papers

Voters will receive ballot papers no later than 3 days before election day. Ballot papers are also available at polling stations.

The **number of members of the municipal council** to be elected in a given municipality is indicated in the header of the ballot paper.

The ballot must be marked in one of the following ways:

1. I vote for candidates from one party only

**BALLOT PAPER**  
5 members are elected to the council:

☒ PARTY

☐ 1st candidate

☐ 2nd candidate

☐ 3rd candidate

☐ 4th candidate

☐ 5th candidate

Put a mark with a cross (x) in the box by the name of a single electoral party. This gives a vote to the candidates of this electoral party in the order which has been chosen by the party itself (the party list). If the voter marks a single electoral party with a cross, s/he no longer marks specific candidates in this electoral party. If the voter marks a single electoral party with a cross, any further marks for particular candidates are disregarded.

2. I vote for specific candidates (which can be from a number of different parties)

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Put a mark with a cross (x) in the box by the name of a candidate (from whichever electoral party). Multiple candidates can be marked, up to a maximum of the number of members of the municipal council to be elected.

3. I vote for specific candidates from any number of parties, and then my remaining votes are assigned to a specific party of my choosing

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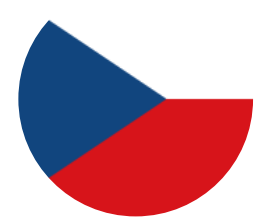
☒ 5th candidate

Combine both methods and mark with a cross (x) one electoral party and also further candidates from any other electoral parties in the box in front of the particular candidate's (or candidates') name(s). In this case, votes are first assigned to individually marked candidates. From the indicated electoral party, a vote is given according to the order on the ballot paper only for as many candidates as there are left in the number of elected members of the council.

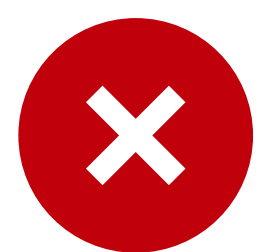
# INFORMATION ON HOW TO VOTE IN THE ELECTIONS TO THE SENATE OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Voting takes place only on the territory of the Czech Republic, namely in the 27 senate constituencies where Senate elections are announced (see [constituencies for the 2022 Senate elections](#)). A voter can only vote in the electoral district where s/he is registered as a permanent resident. The exception is for voters voting with a voter's card (see [Voting on a voter's card](#)).

## Who can vote in elections for the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic:



Citizens of the Czech Republic who are 18 years or older



**Citizens of other countries do not have the right to vote in elections for the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic.**

## Ballot papers

Ballot papers for Senate elections are printed separately for each candidate.



The voter places one ballot for the candidate he has decided to vote for in the official envelope. The ballot paper is not modified in any way.

ballot paper for **municipal council** elections

ballot papers for elections to the **council of the entire city and its districts**

ballot for **Senate** elections



Elections to municipal councils are held at the same time as elections to the Senate of the Czech Parliament of the Republic. Official envelopes and ballots for individual elections are therefore differentiated by colour. The ballot paper and official envelope for municipal council elections are **grey**; ballots and the official envelope for Senate elections are **yellow**. During the elections, the ballot must be placed in an official envelope of the same color, otherwise the voter's vote is invalid. Ballot papers for elections to the council of the entire city and its districts are placed in the same colour envelopes (grey).

Source:

<https://www.mvcr.cz/volby/clanek/volby-do-zastupitelstev-obci-a-senatu-2022.aspx?q=Y2hudW09Mw%3d%3d>

