

## ONE ELECTION WEEK

The election period will cover one week:

- From Monday to Saturday, it is possible to vote either by ballot paper in a polling place, or online (i-voting).
- On the election day on Sunday, only voting by ballot paper takes place. As an innovation for this election, voters can annul their online vote (i-vote) by voting with a ballot paper at a polling place on Sunday.
- From Monday to Thursday, at least one polling place in each municipality is open for voters who want to vote outside their electoral district of residence.
- On Friday, Saturday and Sunday the voter can vote only at the polling places of their electoral district of residence.
- Home voting is held from the Friday to the Sunday of the election week. Applications for voting from home can be submitted by phone from 12 noon to 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday.

Mon 11.10	Tue 12.10	Wed 13.10	Thu 14.10	Fri 15.10	Sat 16.10	Sun 17.10.2021
ADVANCE VOTING						ELECTION DAY
Voting at polling places of administrative centres 12.00–20.00				Voting at all polling places 12.00–20.00		Voting at all polling places 9.00–20.00
Online voting Mon 9.00 ... .. Sat 20.00						
Voting at the location of voter 9.00–20.00				Home voting 9.00–20.00		

### FLEXIBLE CHOICE OF POLLING PLACE

At local elections, voters can now vote at the polling place that suits them best within their electoral district. This possibility is ensured by **the electronic list of voters**, which will replace the paper lists that have been used at polling places up to now.

The locations of polling places can be found on **the elections information notice** and on the webpage **valimised.ee**. Information is also provided through **the election information hotline +372 631 6633**.

### AT THE POLLING PLACE

1. The voter is identified with an identity document (passport, ID card or driving licence).
2. After that, an official at the polling place makes a notation concerning the issuing of ballot paper to the voter in the electronic list of voters.
3. The voter receives a ballot paper against a signature on paper. Polling places have special signature forms for that.
4. The voter goes to the voting booth, where they write the number of their candidate on the ballot paper.

5. Before the folded ballot paper is dropped in the ballot box, the polling place official affixes a seal to the outside of the folded ballot paper.

#### **ELECTION INFORMATION NOTICE**

- In the first week of October at the latest, the Ministry of the Interior will send an election information notice to all addresses where at least one person with the right to vote resides. Those who have made a relevant note in eesti.ee will receive this information by e-mail.
- The election information notice contains **general information on the right to vote** as well as on **the location of all polling places** in the rural municipality or city. **The notice is not a personal confirmation of the right to vote.**
- From this year, the election information notice will replace voter's card.

#### **RIGHT TO VOTE**

Voters who **have attained 16 years of age** and whose **residence address** has been entered in the **population register** have the right to vote in municipal council elections.

Besides the citizens of Estonia, the following persons can vote in local elections:

- Citizens of other EU Member States residing in Estonia
- Foreign citizens permanently residing in Estonia
- Stateless persons permanently residing in Estonia

#### **POLITICAL ADVERTISING**

- From this year, **political outdoor advertising is allowed throughout the entire election period.**
- **Political campaigning** may also be carried out **on the election day.**
- **Polling places** must remain strictly **free of advertising.**

#### **I-VOTING**

- I-voting is possible on **a computer** by downloading the voting application and inserting the ID-card **into the ID-card reader**, or **with mobile ID.**
- In order to ensure safe and smooth i-voting, please **check** your ID-card certificates and PINs, ID-card software, computer's operating system and anti-virus software **updates** first.
- NB! It is possible to **verify the arrival of your i-vote with the help of a smart device** (smartphone, tablet computer) for 30 minutes after you cast your vote.

#### **CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION**

The restrictions due to the spread of the coronavirus are expected to be in place this autumn as well.

Therefore:

- Please wear **a face mask** at the polling place.
- Please **keep** your **distance** from other people.
- Please **sanitise** your hands.
- If possible, **give preference to the elderly** in the waiting line.
- If possible, visit the polling place **before the election day.**