

4. Vote Counting

- Advance votes are counted on election day, and the results of the advance voting are published when polling stations close at 20:00.
- Votes cast on election day are counted after voting ends. Municipalities report the results to the election authorities, and the preliminary result is published during the evening of the election day.
- The election result is confirmed once all the votes have been validated.



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VOTING IN THE ELECTIONS

All voters are equal
and every vote matters.



1. Right to vote



Everyone over the age of 18 has the right to vote.

In municipal and county elections, EU citizens living in Finland and non-EU citizen who have lived in Finland for two or more years are eligible to vote.

In parliamentary and presidential elections, Finnish citizenship is required.

In European Parliament elections, the right to vote is granted in only one country, either based on citizenship or country of residence.



NOTICE OF THE RIGHT TO VOTE

Every eligible voter receives a notice of their right to vote by letter to their home address. The letter also informs which polling station the voter can cast their vote at.

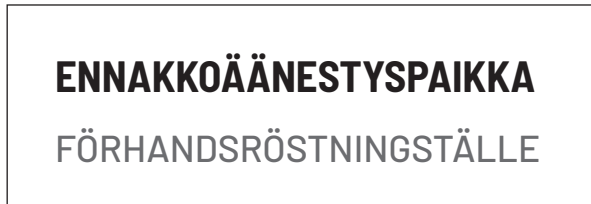


2. Voting

Voting takes place at a polling station or at an advance polling station with a paper ballot. Finland does not have an electronic voting system.

ADVANCE VOTING

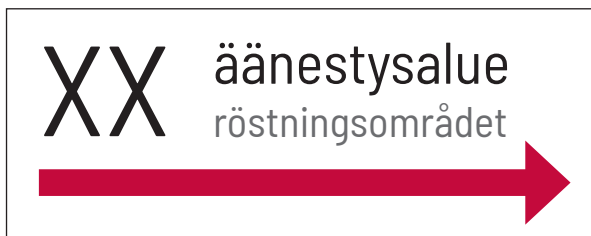
Advance voting takes place domestically and internationally the week before the elections at any advance polling station in Finland or abroad at Finnish embassies and consulates.



ELECTION DAY VOTING

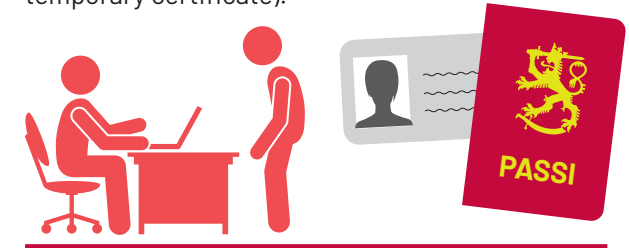
On the official Sunday election day, votes can only be cast at your designated polling station, which is determined by your home address.

The letter sent to your home address contains a list of both advance polling stations and election day polling stations. On election day, polling stations are open between 9:00-20:00.



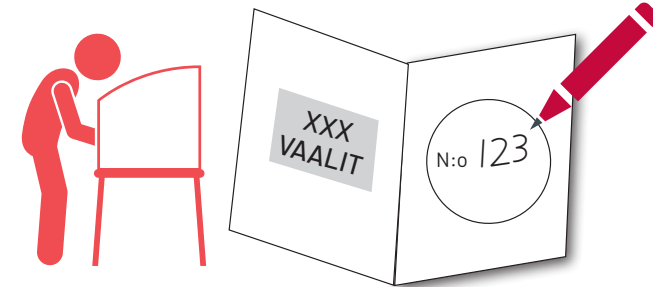
3. At the polling station

The voter is required to present an official photo ID (e.g. Driver's license, passport, ID card or temporary certificate).



The voter then receives a ballot, which is filled out alone in the voting booth – Finland uses secret ballot voting. Candidate numbers can be found on the candidate lists inside the voting booth. The selected candidate's number is clearly marked on the ballot. No other markings are allowed on the ballot.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0



Once the number is marked on the ballot, the ballot is folded in half and taken to the polling official, who stamps the ballot.



After this, the voter drops the ballot in the ballot box.