## How to vote

# Riksdag, municipal council and regional council elections will be held on 11 September 2022.

#### Who can vote?

To be eligible to vote, an individual must be at least 18 years old on election day. The details listed in the Swedish Population Register 30 days before election day determine whether you are eligible to vote, and which electoral district you belong to.

## You are eligible to vote in Riksdag elections if you are:

• Swedish citizen, and you are or have been listed in the Swedish Population Register.

## You are entitled to vote in local council elections for your municipality and region if you are:

- a Swedish citizen, and you are listed in the Swedish Population Register
- a citizen of an EU country, Iceland or Norway, and you are listed in the Swedish Population Register
- a citizen of any other country, and you have been listed in the Swedish Population Register for three consecutive years before election day

## Those who are eligible to vote receive a voting card

Those who are eligible to vote are sent a voting card by post about three weeks before election day. Your voting card will state the elections in which you are entitled to vote, as well as the name, address and opening hours of your polling station. If your voting card is missing, you can order a new one from your municipality or the Swedish Election Authority.

## **Ballot papers**

Ballot papers are yellow for Riksdag elections, white for municipal council elections and blue for regional council elections. There are ballot papers at every voting location.

#### Voting for a party

You vote primarily for a party. The name of the party is on the ballot paper. If you cannot find a ballot paper for your party of choice, you can write the name of the party on a blank ballot paper.

#### Specifying a candidate

If you want a particular candidate to be elected, you can put a cross in the check box before that candidate's name on your named ballot paper. You can only put a cross in one check box for one candidate. You can also specify a candidate by stating both the name of a party and your preferred candidate on a blank ballot paper.

#### Where to vote

#### Vote at your local polling station on election day: 11 September

You can only vote at the polling station marked on your voting card. The polling station is only open on election day. When you vote at your local polling station, your name is ticked off on the electoral register and your ballots are placed in the ballot box.







### Vote in advance in either your own or another municipality

You can vote in advance at any voting location in Sweden. Advance voting in Sweden will take place from 24 August 2022 up to election day. You must bring your voting card with you when voting in advance. You can find out where to vote in advance from your municipality or on val.se.

## **Voting from abroad**

If you are outside Sweden, you can vote by post or in advance at many Swedish embassies and consulates. To vote by post, you must use special materials that you can order from the Swedish Election Authority, your municipality, or a Swedish embassy or consulate. You can send a postal ballot from abroad from 28 July for the 2022 elections. You can vote in advance at a Swedish embassy or consulate from 18 August.

## You must prove your identity

In order to vote, you must show a proof of identity document. If you do not have a proof of identity document, someone else can certify your identity, but then they must show a proof of identity document.

## If you need help with voting

### Voting by proxy

You can vote by proxy if you are unable to come to your polling station or an advance voting location in person – for example, due to disability, illness or old age. You can also vote by proxy if you are being held in a detention centre or prison.

Ballots for proxy voting can be prepared from 18 August up to and including election day. You need a proxy and a witness. These individuals must both be at least 18 years old. The same person cannot be both your proxy and your witness.

#### You need a proxy: who can vote on your behalf?

A proxy must be at least 18 years old. Your proxy can be any of the following:

- · a relative
- your carer or someone who normally helps you with personal matters
- a member of staff at a detention centre or prison
- a rural postal worker (if you live within their rural postal round)

To vote by proxy, you need special materials that you can order from your municipality or the Swedish Election Authority. You must have your voting card to vote in advance by proxy.

#### Ambulant vote collection

Ambulant vote collection is an option available to voters who are unable to vote in advance or to come to a polling station in person – for example, due to disability, illness or old age. Your municipality will arrange for two vote collectors to come to your home to pick up your vote. For further information, please contact your municipality.



