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## WHY IS VOTING SO IMPORTANT?

**VOTING IN LUXEMBOURG IS NOT ONLY A RIGHT, IT'S ALSO A CITIZEN'S DUTY.**

At communal elections, citizens directly elect the communal councillors who defend the interests of the town. Many communal competences affect our daily lives, which is why voting is so important. Areas under the Commune's competence include urban planning, roads, public transport, law and order, waste collection, schooling and childcare, as well as paying close attention to the citizens' concerns and providing information to the public. Don't let others decide for you! Cast your vote in the communal elections!

*Dan Biancalana, Deputy Mayor of Dudelange*

## **WHO GETS ELECTED IN THE COMMUNAL ELECTIONS?**

**COMMUNAL ELECTIONS TAKE PLACE EVERY SIX YEARS. THIS IS WHEN WE ELECT OUR REPRESENTATIVES: THE MAYOR, THE ALDERMEN AND THE COMMUNAL COUNCIL.**

### ***THE COMMUNAL COUNCIL***

The Communal Council manages communal matters, such as voting on the budget, approving urban planning projects, as well as taxes and regulations. The number of members on the Communal Council depends on the number of inhabitants. In Dudelange, it is composed of 19 members, of which four are Aldermen and one is the Mayor.

### ***THE COLLEGE OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN***

This is the executive branch of the Commune, i.e., its governing and administrative body for day-to-day matters. In Dudelange, the Mayor chairs the College of Aldermen, of which there are four. The Dudelange communal council consists of 19 members.

## **CAN I VOTE IN THE COMMUNAL ELECTIONS?**

To be able to vote in the COMMUNAL elections, a voter must:

- be at least 18 years old on the day of the elections (11 June 2023)
- be a resident of Dudelange
- have registered to vote at least 55 days before the elections
- be a citizen of Luxembourg or another EU country
- in the case of non-EU citizens, be a resident of Luxembourg and have the necessary residence permit.

## **REGISTERING TO VOTE**

Luxembourgish citizens are automatically registered to vote in the commune where they reside, provided they fulfil the legal conditions to vote.

Foreigners can also vote in the communal elections, whether they are EU citizens or not. Non-EU citizens must have a residence permit and the other legal documents required.

Foreign residents who want to vote in the communal or European elections for the first time must register to vote at the communal administration at the latest 55 days before the day of the election.

They must provide:

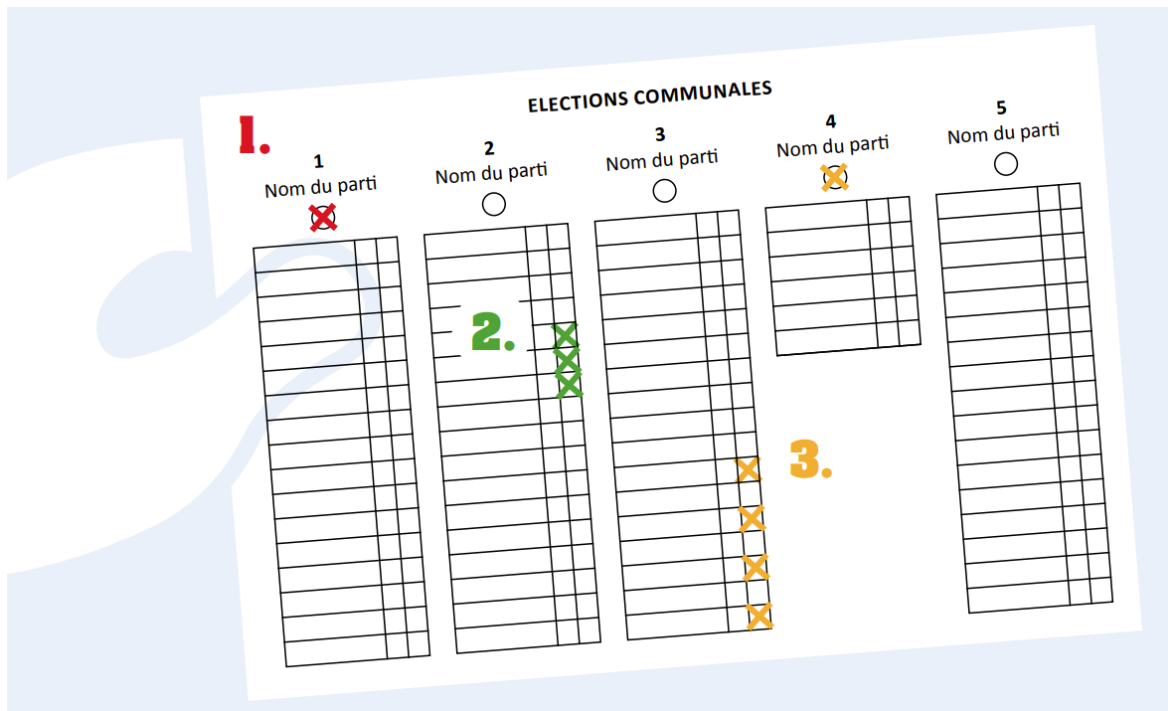
- a valid ID,
- a registration certificate and residence permit.

**VOTING IS COMPULSORY ONCE YOU ARE REGISTERED!**

## HOW TO VOTE

Every registered citizen should receive a notification and an example of a ballot at their home address at least five days before the elections. Even if you haven't received this notification, you can still go to the polling station as long as you are registered to vote. Make sure you bring a valid ID with you.

In Dudelange, you have 19 votes for the 19 elected officials.



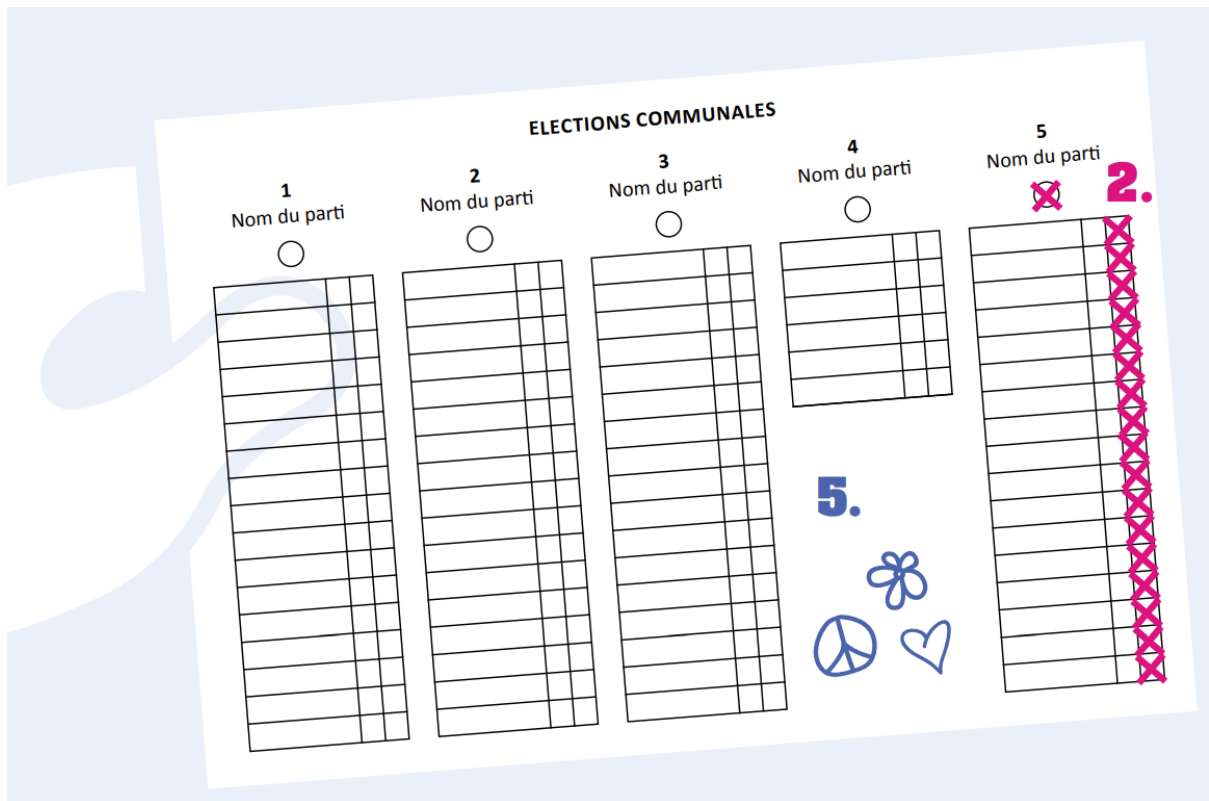
## WHAT YOU MUST DO

1. Tick the circle at the top of the list. By doing so, you are giving one vote to each candidate on that list.

OR

2. Place one or two crosses in the boxes next to names on the list, until you have used all your 19 votes.

3. If you tick the circle at the top of a list that has fewer than 19 candidates, you can also place crosses next to the names on another list until you have used all your 19 votes.



### **WHAT YOU CANNOT DO**

1. Do not use more than 19 votes for candidates on the list. In Dudelange, there are 19 representatives, so you have 19 votes.
2. Do not tick the circle at the top of a list AND cross the boxes next to the names of the candidates on the same list.
3. Do not leave a blank vote (meaning that you do not vote at all on the ballot).
4. Do not place any objects or papers in the ballot.
5. Do not make any sign, mark or draw on the ballot.

### **POSTAL VOTES**

In the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, voting is compulsory for all registered voters, whether they are Luxembourgish or foreign citizens. If you are unable to go to the polling station, you can vote by post.

The request for a postal vote must be made at the voter's commune of residence.

If the ballot is sent to an address in Luxembourg, the request must be made between 12 weeks and 25 days before the elections.

If the ballot is sent abroad, the request must be made between 12 weeks and 40 days before the elections.

## **HELPFUL TIPS AND DEADLINES**

**THE NEXT COMMUNAL ELECTIONS WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY 11 JUNE 2023.**

### **REGISTERING TO VOTE**

Foreigners, EU citizens and non-EU citizens must register at the Citizens' Office at the Town Hall (Office des Citoyens, Hôtel de Ville, office no. 4) by **17 April 2023 at the latest**.  
(See p. 10 for further details.)

### **POSTAL VOTE**

The request for a postal vote must be sent to the Commune:

- electronically via [www.myguichet.lu](http://www.myguichet.lu),
- by post on plain paper or on a form you can get from the Town Hall (Hôtel de Ville) or that you can download from [www.dudelange.lu](http://www.dudelange.lu).

If the ballot is sent to an address in Luxembourg, the request must arrive at the Commune:

- on 20 March 2023 at the earliest,
- on 17 May 2023 at the latest.

If the ballot is sent abroad, the request must arrive at the Commune:

- on 20 March 2023 at the earliest,
- on 2 May 2023 at the latest.

(See p. 20 for further details.)

*The College of the Mayor and Aldermen*

*Dan Biancalana – Mayor*

*Loris Spina, René Manderscheid, Josiane Di Bartolomeo-Ries, Claudia Dall'Agnol – Aldermen*

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