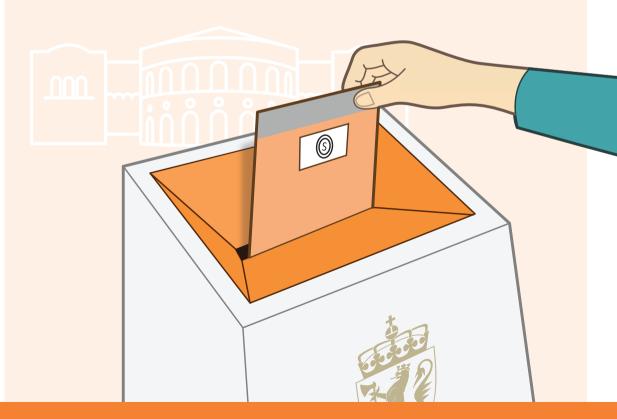


# Important information for voters

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## Parliamentary and Sami Parliamentary Elections 2021

Every four years we elect who will represent us in the Storting. The Storting's most important duties are to pass laws, determine the national budget and supervise the government.

The Sami Parliament is the elected parliament of the Sami people in Norway and is an independent elected body. You can read more about the Sami Parliamentary Elections on sametinget.no.

This brochure contains information on the election and how to vote.

#### Election day is Monday 13 September 2021.

In many municipalities you can also vote on Sunday 12 September. You can vote in advance anywhere in the country from 10 August until 10 September. **Remember your identification!** 



#### Remember to bring your identification when you vote

You must show identification when you go to vote. Examples of valid identification include a passport, driving licence or bank card with your photo. You can also use other types of identification. As a minimum, the identification must contain your name, date of birth and a photo.

If you reside in an institution such as a nursing home, hospital or prison, you can have an employee of the institution confirm your identity. In these circumstances, the employees must identify themselves.

#### Follow the infection control rules and advice

It is important that you follow the infection control rules and advice that apply where you live. Remember to maintain your distance and practise

good hand hygiene when voting, and do not come to the polling station if you are ill.

Voters who are sick, in isolation or in quarantine will also be given an opportunity to vote. Contact your municipality for more information.



#### This year you will receive a digital polling card

Your polling card is confirmation that you have the right to vote. It also states where and when you can vote on election day.

Your polling card will be sent to your digital letterbox or to you via Altinn. If you have opted out of receiving digital communications from public authorities or have not used ID-porten for 18 months, you will receive a paper polling card in the post.

You do not need to bring your polling card to vote but doing so will save you time. Your polling card does not count as identification.



#### Who can vote?

You have the right to vote in the parliamentary election if you:

- are a Norwegian citizen;
- will have reached the age of 18 by the end of 2021; and
- are, or have ever been, registered in the Population Register as resident in Norway.

Everyone who has the right to vote is listed in the electoral register. Contact your municipality if you are not sure whether you are on the electoral register.



#### Where and when can you vote?

**Advance votes** can be cast from Tuesday 10 August until and including Friday 10 September in any municipality in the country.

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**On election day**, you must vote in the municipality in which you were registered as resident on 30 June 2021. You can vote in any polling station in the municipality.

If you are in **quarantine** you must not vote in an ordinary polling station. If you are in **isolation** you must vote from home. Contact your municipality for information about what arrangements have been made where you live.

Are you ill or disabled? You can contact your municipality about **voting in advance from home** right up until 10:00 on 10 September.

Are you unable to vote during the ordinary advance voting period or on election day?

You can ask your municipality to allow you to vote in advance from 1 July.

You can also **vote from abroad** from 1 July until and including 3 September.



#### Voting

If you vote outside of your home municipality, you will receive a ballot paper containing the names of the registered political parties. You must place a cross in the box of the party for which you wish to vote. The ballot paper will not contain the names of the parties' candidates. Therefore, you will be unable to cast personal votes.

If the party or group you want to vote for is not listed on the ballot paper, you can write the name of the party/group on the ballot paper. You can also obtain a ballot paper from your constituency yourself and use that if you wish to make changes.

The vote is sent to your home municipality for counting.



Find your polling station at valglokaler.no

#### Voting in your home municipality



Choose the ballot paper you want to use.



Make any changes to the ballot paper (see the guidance on the next page).



Fold the ballot paper so the party names are on the inside and the field for stamping is on the outside – this prevents anyone seeing how you have voted.

Do not put the ballot paper in an envelope or inside any other cover.



Go to an election official, show your ID, and have the ballot paper stamped on the outside. The ballot paper must be stamped to be valid!



Place the stamped ballot paper in the ballot box.

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#### Altering ballot papers

You can make some changes to the ballot paper. Altering the ballot paper does not affect how much your vote counts. Guidance on how to make changes can also be found on the ballot paper.



### Altering the order of the candidates

Enter a (new) number in the box to the left of the name of the candidate(s) in order to show in what order you are voting for the candidates.



#### **Crossing out candidates**

Check the box to the right of the candidate(s) you wish to delete.

#### Help to vote at the polling station

If you have any questions or need help voting, please contact an election official. Election officials have a duty of confidentiality.

Do you have a mental or physical disability, and cannot vote without assistance? If so, you have the right to have an election official or someone else chosen by you help you vote.

#### Who will be elected?

In parliamentary elections, 169 members of the Storting are elected from 19 constituencies. 150 of the members are directly elected from the constituencies. In addition, 19 seats at large are allocated, one from each constituency.

You can find more information at valg.no



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