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# **THIS WEEKEND THE FUTURE OF LEBANON IS IN YOUR HANDS.**



## **A FEW THINGS TO KNOW:**

### **01 When is Election day in my area?**

**Friday 6th of May 2022**

Countries where Friday is non-working

**Sunday 8th of May 2022**

Countries where Sunday is non-working

**Sunday 15th of May 2022**

Lebanon

### **02 Where do I go to vote?**

Find your polling station on the DGCS website and fill in the form in Arabic

**[www.dgcs.gov.lb/arabic/where-to-vote](http://www.dgcs.gov.lb/arabic/where-to-vote)**

### **03 What time does a polling station open/close?**

**Abroad**

7 a.m. until 10 p.m.

**Lebanon**

7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

### **04 I am not sure who I want to vote for**

Check our interactive map for a complete guide on the running lists.

**[thelebanesediaspora.net/who-to-vote-for/](http://thelebanesediaspora.net/who-to-vote-for/)**

### **05 Can I be assisted at the polling station to vote?**

According to the law, voting is a secret.

**If you have physical disabilities**

you may ask for assistance.

**If you can't read Arabic**

Lists colour coding and pictures of the candidates makes it easier to identify.

### **06 Can I ask to change the voting poll station allocated to me or have a proxy vote?**

No

### **07 Who will be allowed in the voting poll stations outside Lebanon?**

1. The voter
2. The head of the polling station
3. A staff member of the embassy/consulate
4. Representatives of the candidates/lists/parties
5. The Lebanese Association for Democratic Elections (LADE)
6. Representatives of the EU

**It is important to note that if you are registered to vote abroad, you will not be able to vote in Lebanon. You have to vote in the country where you registered.**

**Do not abstain. Do not vote blank.  
Vote for change.**

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# WHAT TO DO ON VOTING DAY



## SIMPLE STEPS TOWARDS CHANGE.

**01 Have the correct documents:**  
Your Lebanese ID card (plastic) **OR** your valid Lebanese passport

**If you only hold an expired blue passport (2003+), you can validate it for election purposes at your local consulate or at the polling station.**

**02** Once you reach your assigned polling station, the head of the voting poll verifies your identity/passport and checks if your name is on the list of eligible voters.

**03** You are handed the official ballot relevant to your district and constituency + envelope

**04 Make the correct choice:**  
Enter the isolation unit alone. In the appropriate square, mark an **X** or **✓** to cast your vote for your list of choice and if you wish, cast your preferential vote for one of the candidates within that same list.

**Note that it is only possible to vote for the candidates from your own constituency, the black slots are for candidates from other constituencies. Any marks other than an X or ✓ will cancel your ballot.**

**05** Fold and place the paper in the envelope.

**06** Exit the isolation unit and personally insert the envelope into the box.

**07** Sign or stamp next to your name on the cross-off list.

**08** Dip your finger in the blue ink.

**Mabrouk!**  
**You have practiced your right  
towards a better Lebanon.**

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# ALL LEBANESE EXPATS!!!! STILL NOT SURE OF THE POWER OF YOUR VOTE?



## CHECK THE BELOW

### 01 Why should I vote on election day?

#### **Voting is a civic duty.**

You are not doing a favour for the candidate but for the country.

#### **Vote vs Complain**

If you don't vote, you cannot complain about the state of the country. Boycotting means sacrificing your right to vote as a citizen and could prolong the crisis.

#### **For accountability**

Being elected is not the end goal. We are voting to elect members of parliament who we will hold accountable if they don't deliver on promises.

#### **For the future**

The crisis is not going to end overnight; it is a long process requiring Lebanese efforts; the international community has far bigger fish to fry.

### 02 If I decide to vote, how should I cast my ballot?

#### **New and independent**

No list is perfect. However, there are many candidates with integrity and are truly seeking to reform the country. At the very least, voting for change undermines the ruling mafia.

#### **Assess and decide**

In most districts there are candidates who have a high chance of exceeding the threshold in that district. Decide based on rationale and statistics, if they exist.

[thelebanesediaspora.net/who-to-vote-for/](https://thelebanesediaspora.net/who-to-vote-for/)

### 03 What if I don't believe in any of the candidates and/or lists?

#### **Protest vote**

You can cast a "spoiled ballot". A spoiled ballot unlike a "white ballot" will not support status quo candidates. For instance you can write a slogan on the ballot such as "see you in 2026".

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