



## Registration form for voters residing outside the Netherlands for the election of the Dutch members of the European Parliament

Undersigned requests registration as a voter for the forthcoming election of the Dutch members of the European Parliament on the 4th of June 2009.

You can also complete this form on the internet and print and dispatch it. More information: [www.uheefthetvoorhetzeggen.nl](http://www.uheefthetvoorhetzeggen.nl)

### 1. Personal particulars

Name:	<input type="text"/>
First given name and further initials:	<input type="text"/>
Date of birth:	<input type="text"/>
Place of birth:	<input type="text"/>

### 2. Address details

Address:	<input type="text"/>
Postal code and place:	<input type="text"/>
Country:	<input type="text"/>
Email address:	<input type="text"/>

### 3. I want to vote: (Tick where appropriate)

- BY POST**
- AT A POLLING PLACE OF MY CHOICE, IN PERSON, IN THE NETHERLANDS**
- BY PROXY**

### 4. If you want to vote by post or in person in the Netherlands, you may, if you want to, receive the election documents at an address different to the one given above:

Address:	<input type="text"/>
Postal code and place:	<input type="text"/>
Country:	<input type="text"/>

If you wish to vote by proxy, please state your authorized representative:

My authorized representative is:

Name:	<input type="text"/>
First given name and further initials:	<input type="text"/>
Date of birth:	<input type="text"/>
Address:	<input type="text"/>
Postal code and place:	<input type="text"/>
Country:	<input type="text"/>

The authorized representative declares that through countersigning he/she is prepared to vote by proxy for the person who has given him/her the proxy and including this proxy has not accepted more than two assignments as authorized representative.

Date:	<input type="text"/>	Signature authorized representative:	<input type="text"/>
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### 5. I declare that I have the Dutch nationality and that I am not denied the right to vote.

As proof of my Dutch nationality I hereby enclose: (Tick where appropriate)

- A copy of the page with personal particulars from a valid Dutch passport or Dutch identity card
- A copy of a valid Netherlands Antillean or Aruban identity card
- A copy of a recent statement concerning possession of the Dutch nationality (not more than three years old, issued by the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands or by the Dutch Embassy or by the consulate in your country of residence)

### 6. I declare that I will not participate in the election for the members of the European Parliament in a different member state of the European Union.

7. Date:	<input type="text"/>	8. Signature requestor:	<input type="text"/>
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Please send this form to !:

**Municipal Council of The Hague**  
**Population Affairs Department**  
**Post box 12620**  
**2500 DL The Hague**  
**The Netherlands**

<sup>1</sup> If you actually reside in the Netherlands Antilles or Aruba you may also send the request to the representative of the Netherlands in the Netherlands Antilles or in Aruba. Concerning all other cases you may also send the form to the head of the consular post under which your residence directly falls, unless the Netherlands do not maintain any diplomatic relations with that country. In that case you must still submit the request directly to the municipal council of The Hague.

**In te vullen door het hoofd bureau verkiezingen van 's-Gravenhage (To be completed by the Head of the Bureau Elections of The Hague)**

Het hoofd bureau verkiezingen van 's-Gravenhage verklaart dat

- hem met betrekking tot verzoeker/verzoekster geen gegevens bekend zijn.
- de bij hem berustende gegevens met betrekking tot verzoeker/verzoekster
  - wel overeenstemmen met die welke in het verzoek zijn vermeld.
  - niet overeenstemmen met die welke in het verzoek zijn vermeld.

Toelichting indien de gegevens niet overeenstemmen:

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Datum:

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Het hoofd bureau verkiezingen van 's-Gravenhage,

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**In te vullen door burgemeester en wethouders van 's-Gravenhage (To be completed by the Municipal Council of The Hague)**

Burgemeester en wethouders van 's-Gravenhage hebben verzoeker/verzoekster

- geregistreerd als kiezer.
- niet geregistreerd als kiezer om de volgende reden:
  - het Nederlanderschap is niet aangetoond;
  - het verzoek tot registratie is niet ondertekend;
  - het verzoek is ingediend na sluiting registratietermijn;
  - staat nog ingeschreven in de gemeentelijke basisadministratie;
  - is op de dag van de stemming nog geen 18 jaar;
  - de wijze van stemmen is niet aangegeven;
  - staat reeds geregistreerd;
  - andere reden:

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Datum:

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Burgemeester en wethouders van 's-Gravenhage,

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**In te vullen door de burgemeester van 's-Gravenhage (To be completed by the Mayor of The Hague)**

De burgemeester van 's-Gravenhage heeft het verzoek om per brief, bij volmacht of in een stembureau naar keuze in Nederland te stemmen

- ingewilligd en op grond daarvan wordt een stembiljet/een volmachtbewijs/een kiezerspas toegezonden
- niet in verdere behandeling genomen/afgewezen om de volgende reden:

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Datum:

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De burgemeester van 's-Gravenhage,

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## General explanation

### Who may participate

If you have the Dutch nationality and live outside the Netherlands, then you have the right to vote for the election of the Dutch members of the European Parliament. However, you must be 18 years of age on the day of the election and not be denied the right to vote. If you live in one of the other member states of the European Union, you may instead of in The Netherlands participate in the European elections in your country of residence (see explanation item 6).

### You are obliged to register in order to participate

You may only participate in the elections when you have registered beforehand as a voter. Only after having registered, will you receive the election documents. For that purpose you must complete the form enclosed, sign it and send it. This form must be completed and sent with each new election. Please do not forget to enclose proof of your Dutch nationality in your letter (see item 5). This is necessary in order to establish if you have the right to vote. Your registration may take place from six months until up to six weeks before the election. The election documents (ballot paper and letter with proof of your registration to vote) are sent to you approximately five weeks before the day of the election. For the exact date see [www.uheefthetvoorhetzeggen.nl](http://www.uheefthetvoorhetzeggen.nl).

If you have already registered before as a voter abroad for the election of the members of the Dutch Lower House or the European Parliament, then you will be included in the register “Kiezers buiten Nederland” (Voters outside the Netherlands) of the municipality of the Hague. In that case you will automatically receive this registration form. In order to keep the register uncluttered, it is in accordance with law that your particulars will be automatically deleted from the register if you do not register for a following election of the European Parliament. Of course you may apply again for registration.

If your personal particulars or your address details change in the meantime, you must pass this information on to the municipality of the Hague yourself. In order to pass on changes please contact the municipality of The Hague (Population Affairs Department, Post box 12620, 2500 DL The Hague, or email: [verkiezingen@dbz.denhaag.nl](mailto:verkiezingen@dbz.denhaag.nl)).

### How does voting from abroad take place

Dutch voters living abroad can participate in the elections in three ways: by post, by proxy or by voting in the Netherlands themselves. See explanatory note item 3 and 4.

It is not possible to vote via internet. The Dutch cabinet has decided, with the discussions concerning the reliability of voting via internet in mind, to discontinue the experiments about voting via internet.

### Mailing registration form

You may mail the registration form to the Municipal Council of The Hague (Population Affairs Department, Post box 12620, 2500 DL The Hague).

You may also send the form to the Dutch Embassy or a consular post in your country of residence. Dutch people residing in the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba may send the form to the representative of the Netherlands there. They will then forward the form to the municipality of The Hague.

### Appeal

If the municipality of The Hague refuses your registration, the municipality will return your form to you stating the reason of refusal. This is a decision. You may make an appeal against the decision, based on the Electoral Law and Administrative Law. Within six weeks following the date of postage you must then lodge an appeal in writing against the decision with the Administrative Law Department of the Council of State (Post box 20019, 2500 EA The Hague). It is advisable to immediately lodge an appeal on receipt of the decision, if you still want a chance to participate in the elections. Lodging an appeal implies costs (court fee).

### Supplementary information

For more information you can click on [www.uheefthetvoorhetzeggen.nl](http://www.uheefthetvoorhetzeggen.nl) or contact the registration bureau Voters outside the Netherlands (Post box 12620, 2500 DL The Hague); phone +31(0)703534400; email: [verkiezingen@dbz.denhaag.nl](mailto:verkiezingen@dbz.denhaag.nl). On the website you will find more information about the elections and links to other relevant sites such as the sites of political parties or VoteMatch.

## Explanation per item

### Item 1 and 2

Enter here your personal particulars and address details. If the form is automatically sent to you because your particulars are stated in the “Voters outside the Netherlands” register, your personal particulars and address details are already completed. In that case you may make necessary changes. Filling in your email address is an option. This email address is only used in order to send you the acknowledgement of your registration.

### Item 3 and 4

You may vote in several different ways.

#### By post

The majority of voters abroad vote by post. About three weeks in advance of the elections you will receive so-called ‘proof of your registration to vote’, a ballot paper, an addressed envelope and a manual. You can fill in the ballot paper and the proof of your registration to vote and return them in the addressed envelope. Please see to it that you put sufficient postage on the envelope, otherwise your vote will not be counted. Please pay attention to the date of return of your vote by post. The municipality of The Hague must receive your vote at 15:00 hours on the day of the elections at the latest, in order to be counted (see for the exact date [www.uheefthetvoorhetzeggen.nl](http://www.uheefthetvoorhetzeggen.nl)). When the postal communications with the country you reside in, are such that your vote by post will not reach the Netherlands in time, you may possibly be able to authorize someone to vote for you in the Netherlands (see below by proxy).

In the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba so-called ‘vote by post bureaux’ are a part of the Dutch representation. If you live there, you will receive an envelope addressed to the chairman of the ‘vote by post bureau’ concerned. There your vote will then be counted, it must be at the ‘vote by post’ bureau at 15:00 hours at the latest on the day of the election. However, you may always decide to send your vote by post in the envelope directly to the municipality of The Hague.

### *Voting in the Netherlands yourself*

If you happen to be in the Netherlands on the day of the election, you may vote in a polling bureau yourself, if you want to. You will receive a so-called voter's pass at the address given (approximately two weeks in advance of the elections). With this you may vote in any polling bureau in the Netherlands.

If you have indicated to vote by post or in a polling bureau of your choice, you may receive the election documents at an address other than your home address. This may be useful if you want to vote in the Netherlands yourself.

### *By proxy*

You may appoint a voter to vote for you, he/she must be a resident of the Netherlands. This voter will then receive a letter of proxy with which he can vote on your behalf. Please pay attention to the fact that: he/she who has been given your proxy, may only use your proxy together with his/her vote and may not, besides his/her own vote, vote more than twice by proxy. If you choose to cast your vote by proxy, complete the particulars of the proxy on the registration form. After you have signed and completed the form, the most practical thing to do is to send it to your proxy. Your proxy can complete the form where necessary and after signing, send it directly to the municipality of The Hague. Your proxy also signs the registration form and sends it directly to the municipality of The Hague. Your form must be in possession of the municipality of The Hague at least six weeks before the day of the elections. For the exact date see [www.uheefthetvoorzetzeggen.nl](http://www.uheefthetvoorzetzeggen.nl). You will not receive any election documents yourself. They will be sent directly to your proxy.

### **Item 5**

In order to establish if you have a right to vote, you must include proof of your Dutch nationality. In most cases this will be a copy of the page of a

valid passport of the Netherlands, or a valid identity card of the Netherlands on which your personal particulars (name, age, sex) and your signature can be found and from which the validity of the passport or identity card is evident. A copy of a valid Netherlands Antillean or Aruban identity card is also proof of the Dutch nationality. If you are not in possession of a valid Dutch identity document you may also include proof of the possession of the Dutch nationality issued no later than three years ago. In order to obtain such a proof you must apply to the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands or to the Dutch Embassy or consulate in your country of residence. Obtaining this kind of declaration implies costs. Documents, other than those mentioned above are not accepted as proof of your Dutch nationality!

### **Item 6**

If you are living in one of the member states of the European Union<sup>3</sup> you may participate in the European elections in that member state, instead of in the Netherlands. In order to do so you must report to the authorities qualified for it, (mostly a municipality, but sometimes a different institute such as an election committee) in your country of residence. In most countries you must register anew for each European election.

Because a voter is not permitted to vote twice, you must declare on the registration form that you will not participate in the elections of members of the European Parliament in a different member state. Double participation is not allowed, not even if you have the Dutch nationality as well as the nationality of another member state.

### **Item 7 and 8**

Please pay attention to dating and signing the form. Without a signature registration is impossible.

<sup>3</sup> The European Union consists of the following member states: Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, Slovakia, Spain, the Czech Republic, Romania, United Kingdom, Sweden.