

## How to vote with the new ballot

Municipal Council Elections 2026  
**Wednesday 18 March 2026**  
**from 07.30 to 21.00**

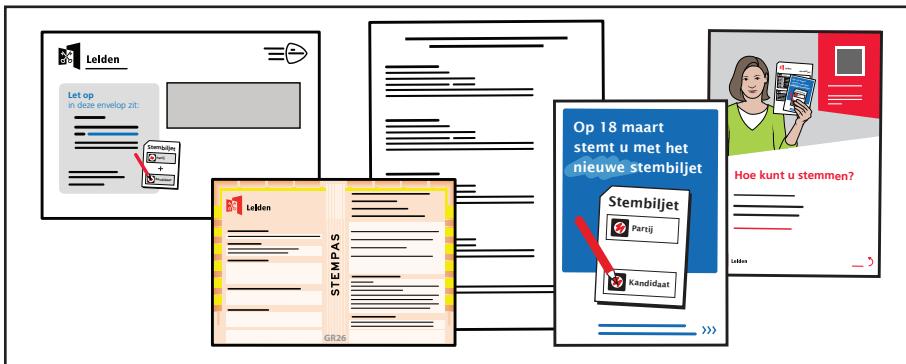
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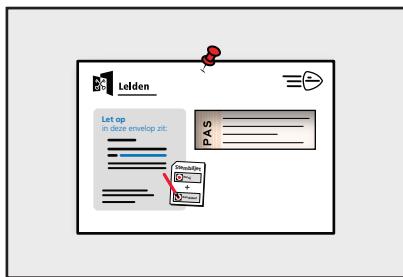
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*This is how it works* ↗

## Step 1: In the envelope from the municipality



The envelope contains your personal voting pass, a list of polling stations, a flyer about the new ballot and a user guide on how to vote.



Tip: Mark Wednesday, 18 March in your calendar. Keep everything in one place where you can easily find it again.

## Step 2: Before you vote

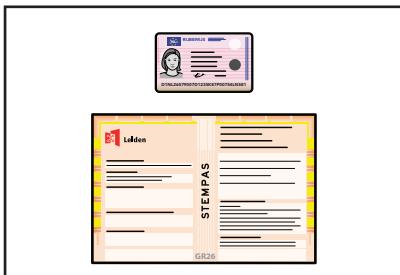


You need an **identity document** to vote: a passport, ID card or driving licence. If expired, it must be by no more than 5 years.



Think about who you want to vote for. Go to [leiden.nl/verkiezingen](http://leiden.nl/verkiezingen) or call **14071** for information.

## Step 3: Go to the polling station on Wednesday 18 March



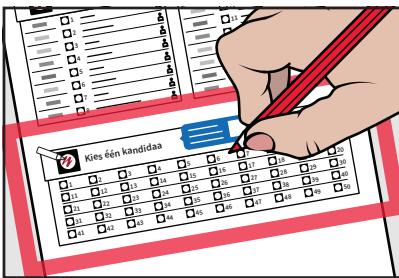
Bring your **voting pass** and your **identity document**. The polling station will check both.



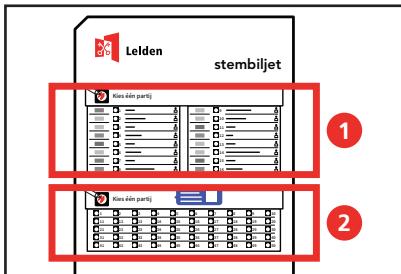
Hand in your voting pass. You will receive a ballot paper. Then you may enter the voting booth to vote.



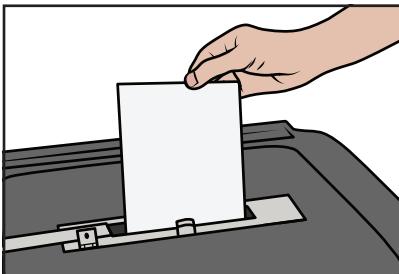
First cast your vote for one party.  
**Colour one (1) dot red** on the top half of the ballot paper.



Then vote for one candidate. **Colour one (1) dot red** on the lower half. A list of candidates is in the booth.



When done correctly, you have one red dot for the party and one red dot for the candidate you chose.



Fold the ballot paper and put it in the ballot box.

## Are you not able to vote in person?



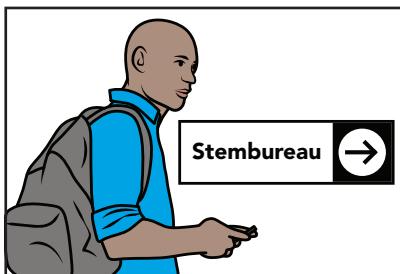
Are you not able to vote in person?  
Then ask a person you trust and is  
registered in Leiden to vote on your  
behalf.



Tell them who you want to vote for.  
Fill in and sign the back of the voting  
pass together. Then hand over the  
voting pass to this person.



Make sure to provide a clear photo or  
copy of your identity document. This is  
needed at the polling station.



The other person can now vote at  
the polling station (stembureau). For  
themselves and for you.



## Questions about the elections?

Visit [leiden.nl/verkiezingen](http://leiden.nl/verkiezingen)  
Call **14071** or mail [verkiezingen@leiden.nl](mailto:verkiezingen@leiden.nl)