

How to vote?

Voting takes place **by mail**, in accordance with Law No. 459 of 27 December 2001 and Presidential Decree No. 104 of 2 April 2003. In particular:

a) The Embassy sends each voter a package containing:

- the electoral certificate (i.e., the document certifying the right to vote);
- a ballot paper;
- a small white envelope;
- a larger white envelope bearing the address of the Embassy;
- the information sheet

b) The voters cast their vote by marking the box on the ballot containing the word **YES** or **NO**, with a cross or a line using **EXCLUSIVELY** a **blue or black pen**.

c) After voting, the ballot must be placed inside the small envelope, which must be carefully sealed and must contain **only** the ballot paper.

d) **In the larger which envelope** (bearing the address of the Embassy), the voter must place the electoral slip (after detaching it from the electoral certificate along the indicated perforated line) and the sealed small envelope containing the completed ballot.

e) Said larger white envelope must be inserted in the pre-paid DHL plastic bag **without delay** and hand it to the nearest DHL so that it reaches the Embassy **no later than 4:00 p.m.** (local time) **on THURSDAY, 19 MARCH 2026**. Alternatively, the DHL bag can be returned to the Embassy in person.

f) Ballots received after the above deadline cannot be counted and will be destroyed.

WARNING

- No identifying marks must appear on the ballot, on the small white envelope, or on the electoral slip.
- The sender's name must not be written on the pre-stamped envelope.
- The small white envelope and the ballot must be returned intact.
- Voting is personal, free, and secret. Voting more than once is prohibited; anyone who violates the relevant provisions is subject to the penalties provided by law. Article 18 of Law 459/2001 provides:
"1. Anyone who, abroad, commits any of the offences provided for in the Consolidated Law containing provisions for the election of the Chamber of Deputies, pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 361 of 30 March 1957, as amended, shall be punished under Italian law. The penalties provided for in Article 100 of the aforementioned Consolidated Law, in the case of voting by mail, shall be doubled.
Anyone who, in elections of the Chambers or in referendums, votes both by mail and at the polling station of their last registration in Italy, or votes more than once by mail, shall be punished with imprisonment from one to three years and a fine from 52 euros to 258 euros."
- The voter is required to personally safeguard the electoral materials sent by the Embassy or Consulate and it is strictly forbidden to hand over the electoral materials to third parties.