

Right to vote and eligibility for foreigners

FOREIGNERS IN DENMARK CAN VOTE FOR THE MUNICIPAL AND REGIONAL ELECTIONS

Having the right to vote in Denmark means that you can vote at an election

If you have the right to vote, you are automatically also eligible for that election.

The following conditions must be met to have the right to vote and to be eligible for municipal and regional elections:

- Be 18 years of age and
- have permanent residence in the municipality / region.

In addition, one must either:

- be a Danish citizen
- be a citizen of one of the other EU member states
- be a citizen of Iceland or Norway, or
- have had permanent residence in the kingdom (i.e. Denmark, Greenland and the Faroe Islands) for the last 4 years (without interruption) prior to election day.

British citizens who have registered their residence by 31 January 2020 and have had permanent residence in Denmark since then, have the right to vote in the municipal and regional elections on 16 November 2021, if they otherwise meet the voting conditions. British nationals who have been registered as resident after 31 January 2020 must meet the 4-year residence requirement to be eligible to vote.

The following persons do NOT have the right to vote in municipal and regional elections:

- foreigners who are on tolerated stay,
- aliens who have been expelled by a final judgment (according to sections 22-24 or 25 c of the Aliens Act),
- aliens who have been expelled by final decision (pursuant to sections 25-25 b of the Aliens Act), and
- foreigners who stay in Denmark to serve a sentence, etc. convicted by an international criminal court.