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# Can a voter request his or her removal from the electoral rolls?

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If you are French, you cannot ask to be removed from the electoral lists of a town hall, because registration is mandatory in France. But you can be automatically deleted in certain situations, especially if you ask to be registered on another electoral list (for example, that of another town hall...). If you are a European (from a country other than France), you can ask to be removed from the French electoral rolls.

## Listed as a town hall

### French citizen ^

If you are registered to vote at a town hall, you cannot voluntarily request your cancellation, because registration on the voters' list is mandatory.

However, you can be automatically written off in any of the following situations:

- You are applying to be registered on the list of electors of another town hall (automatic cancellation of the oldest registration)
- You are applying to be registered on a consular voters list
- You lose the vote
- When you die

### European citizen (other than French) ^

#### Reminder

If you are a European citizen ([http://europa.eu/about-eu/countries/index\\_fr.htm](http://europa.eu/about-eu/countries/index_fr.htm)) residing in France, you can apply to be registered as a voter (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F1937?lang=en>) to vote in France in municipal elections and in European elections.

## Change of municipality in France

Your registration in a new municipality automatically deletes your previous registration.

## Wish to stop voting in France for European elections

If you are registered on the *supplementary lists of electors* in France to vote in the European elections, you must apply to be removed from those lists.

#### FYI

You can check your electoral registration in France using a online service (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R51788?lang=en>) .

It is essential to ask the City Hall for your dismissal in order to be able to vote in the European elections in another European Union (EU) countries ([http://europa.eu/about-eu/countries/index\\_fr.htm](http://europa.eu/about-eu/countries/index_fr.htm)) .

You can make your request for cancelation throughout the year, but if you want to be canceled in the run-up to the next European elections, you have to make your request by 6<sup>e</sup> Friday before 1<sup>er</sup> round of the election.

### Who shall I contact

## Entered on a consular list

A voter registered on a consular voters list can apply to be registered on a voters list of a town hall to vote in France. This re-registration will have the effect of automatically delisting him from the consular list on which he was previously registered.

## Wish to vote in France

If you are registered on a consular voters list, but you want to vote in France (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F16904?lang=en>) in a future election (european, regional, departmental, municipal), you must apply to be registered on the list of electors of a town hall (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F1367?lang=en>) .

This new registration will automatically delete your registration on the consular voters list. Indeed, a Frenchman residing abroad cannot be registered simultaneously on the electoral list of a town hall and on a consular list.

## In case of permanent return to France

If you come back to live in France, you must apply to be registered (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F1367?lang=en>) on a mayor's list of voters. This new registration will delete your previous registration on the consular voters list.

### Please note

If you are still registered for the *register of French nationals established outside France*, you must inform the consulate or embassy of your departure and to request to be removed from the register (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R43251?lang=en>) .

### Who can help me?

Find who can answer your questions in your region

### Telephone administrative information - Allo Public Service

 For more information on this topic, you can contact Allô Service Public.

**Attention: the service does not have access to users' personal files and cannot therefore provide information on their status.**

 **Lundi** : de 08h30 à 17h30

**Mardi** : de 08h30 à 12h15

**Mercredi** : de 08h30 à 12h15

Horaires exceptionnels le mercredi 31 décembre de 08h30 à 11h30

**Jeudi** : de 08h30 à 17h30

**Vendredi** : de 13h00 à 16h15

 Service free

 The informants who answer you belong to the Ministry of the Interior.

Organic Law No. 76-97 of 31 January 1976 on the Consular Electoral Lists and the Voting of French Citizens Established Outside France for the Presidential Elections (<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/loda/id/JORFTEXT000000510005/?lang=en>).

Article 9

Electoral Code: Articles L9 to L15-1

([https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/section\\_lc/LEGITEXT000006070239/LEGISCTA000006164051/?lang=en](https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/section_lc/LEGITEXT000006070239/LEGISCTA000006164051/?lang=en)).

Compulsory registration (Article L9)

Electoral Code: Articles R1 to R6 (<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/id/LEGISCTA000006164077/?lang=en>).

Electoral capacity

Electoral Code: Articles L16 to L29 (<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/id/LEGISCTA000006164052/?lang=en>).

Establishment and revision of the electoral lists

## Online services and forms

Register of French outside France - Cancellation (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R43251?lang=en>)

Online service

Verify your voter registration and polling station (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R51788?lang=en>)

Online service

## FAQ

Elections: can you register to vote in a town hall and vote in the same year?

(<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F34240?lang=en>)

What should be done if the mayor refuses to register or deletes him from the electoral list?

(<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F34809?lang=en>)

## Additional topics

Consular registration in the register of French nationals established outside France

(<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33307?lang=en>)

Service-Public.fr

Elections: voting rights of European citizens in France (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F1937?lang=en>)

Service-Public.fr

Vote of a Frenchman settled abroad (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F16904?lang=en>)

Service-Public.fr

Consular List of Electors

(<https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/services-aux-citoyens/droit-de-vote-et-elections-a-l-etranger/http-publication-diplomatie-gouv-fr-fr-services-aux-citoyens-droit-de-vote-et-elections-a-l-etranger-liste-electorale-18-05-17/?lang=en>)

Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs