If you wish to vote from abroad in the elections for the House of Representatives of the States General on 15 March 2017, follow these instructions.

Register with the municipality of The Hague by 1 February 2017

If you live abroad and you wish to vote in the elections for the members of the House of Representatives of the States General on 15 March 2017 you must register with the municipality of The Hague. All voters must register, even if you previously registered for other elections.

How to register
You can download the registration form at www.stemmenvanuit-hetbuitenland.nl or pick up a form at the Dutch embassy or consulate-general in your country of residence. You must complete and sign this registration form. Please also attach proof of Dutch nationality. This may be either:

- a photocopy of a Dutch passport or identity card, which must still be valid on 30 January 2017; or
- a certificate of Dutch nationality, which can be obtained from a Dutch embassy. This certificate must not have been issued more than three years prior to 30 January 2017.

The municipality of The Hague must receive your registration form and proof of Dutch nationality no later than 1 February 2017. There are three ways of sending your completed and signed form and proof of Dutch identity to the municipality of The Hague’s Elections Office:

- by email (attach scanned versions of the documents) to kbn.verkiezingen@denhaag.nl
- by post to an embassy or consulate-general, which will forward your documents to the Elections Office in The Hague.

Please post or email your documents well in advance, to ensure the municipality of The Hague receives them before the deadline.

Receiving the documents needed to vote
If the municipality of The Hague accepts your registration, you will receive the documents you need to cast your vote. These are:

- a postal vote certificate (brievenstembewijs), a ballot paper (stembiljet) and the envelopes for sending your vote to the postal vote polling station (brievenstembureau).

You can state on the registration form how and where you wish to receive these documents.
Casting your vote

There are three ways for you to vote:
• by postal vote
• in person at any polling station in the Netherlands; or
• by proxy (you ask someone else to vote on your behalf).

You must fill in your preference on the registration form. If you choose to vote by postal vote, your postal vote certificate and ballot paper must reach the municipality of The Hague’s Elections Office or one of the 22 postal vote polling stations set up at Dutch embassies **no later than 15.00 CET on 15 March 2017**.

Postal vote polling stations will be set up in the following cities:

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You may also send your postal vote certificate and ballot paper to a consulate-general or embassy which is not a designated postal vote polling station. If you do this you must allow time for your vote to be forwarded by post and received by the Elections Office in The Hague before the deadline.

Please contact your nearest mission to find out by what date they wish to receive your postal vote certificate and ballot paper. This date may vary from mission to mission, so be sure to contact them well in advance.