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# First-Time Voter's Guide

Everything you need for your first vote

You're 18. Stop asking “where do I register” — most people are already registered automatically. This guide helps you check in 2 minutes, follow the process, and avoid scams.



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## 1 Am I registered?

### Automatic

Since **December 2021**, every Malaysian citizen aged **18+** is registered as a voter **automatically**, from JPN records. No need to sign up in person.



**You turn 18**  
Auto-included



**~6 weeks**  
Takes effect



**After the 16th**  
Checkable online



#### Check on MySPR Semak app / [spr.gov.my](https://spr.gov.my)

Enter your IC number (no dashes or spaces). In 2 minutes you'll see:

✓ **Your status**

✓ **Your constituency**

✓ **Polling location**

**Don't assume — check once before any election.**

## 2 On polling day



Bring  
**Your MyKad**  
Original IC — the one essential



Hours  
**Peninsular 8:00–18:00**  
Sabah & Sarawak 7:30–17:30

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### Verify ID

Hand your MyKad to the first clerk; hold out both hands to be checked.

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### Confirm details

The second clerk reads out your details — listen and check they're right.

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### Ink

Dip your index finger in indelible ink to prevent double-voting.

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### Get ballot

Collect it from the third clerk — don't smudge ink on it, or it's void.

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### Vote

Mark one clear “X” next to your choice; fold and drop it in the box.

✓ **Voting is secret. No one can see who you voted for.**

## 3 Don't get fooled

Myths & scams

✗ **MYTH**

“I never registered, so I can't vote.”

✓ **FACT**

**Registration is automatic — you may already be on the roll. Check MySPR Semak.**

✗ **MYTH**

“You have to pay to vote.”

✓ **FACT**

**Voting is free. Anyone charging you is running a scam.**

✗ **MYTH**

“Wash off the ink and vote twice.”

✓ **FACT**

**Double-voting is illegal. One person, one vote.**

✗ **MYTH**

“You can vote online or send someone.”

✓ **FACT**

**There's no public online voting. Anyone asking for your IC, OTP or bank details is a scam.**

✗ **MYTH**

“Voting is compulsory; you'll be fined.”

✓ **FACT**

**Voting isn't compulsory in Malaysia, and there's no fine — but it's your chance to shape public decisions.**

**One rule against scams: trust only the [Election Commission \(spr.gov.my\)](https://spr.gov.my). When unsure, go to the source.**

### Our stance

This guide teaches you how to vote, not who to vote for. The choice is always yours — our job is to make the process clear and keep you from being fooled.