

# External voting: a world survey of 214 countries and territories\*

 Countries with provisions for external voting

 Countries in transition

 Countries without provisions for external voting

 Countries with no provisions for direct elections

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1	AFGHANISTAN	Presidential	Personal	2004	Applied for the Loya Jirga and constitutional Loya Jirga elections in 2002 and 2003, and then the presidential election in 2004, but not to the legislative elections in 2005.
2	ALBANIA	No external voting	No external voting		
3	ALGERIA	Presidential, legislative, sub-national, referendums	Mixed (personal, proxy)	1976	Implemented in the referendum of 1976, for legislative elections 1977.
4	ANDORRA	No external voting	No external voting		
5	ANGOLA	Legislative	Personal	Not applicable	External voting is still to be implemented. A decision by the EMB is needed, agreeing among other things that the material conditions for an election are met. Once this happens, the citizens residing abroad will form one electoral district and will elect three representatives.
6	ANGUILLA	No external voting	No external voting		
7	ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA	No external voting	No external voting		

\* The survey corresponds to May, 2007.

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8	ARGENTINA	Presidential, legislative	Personal	1993	
9	ARMENIA	No external voting	No external voting	Not applicable	External voting was abolished in 2007.
10	ARUBA	No external voting	No external voting		
11	AUSTRALIA	Legislative	Mixed (personal, postal, fax)	1902	
12	AUSTRIA	Presidential, legislative, referendums	Postal	1990	
13	AZERBAIJAN	Legislative	Personal	2000	
14	BAHAMAS	No external voting	No external voting		
15	BAHRAIN	No external voting	No external voting		
16	BANGLADESH	Legislative	Postal	Not available	
17	BARBADOS	No external voting	No external voting		
18	BELARUS	Presidential, legislative, sub-national, referendums	Personal	1994	
19	BELGIUM	Legislative	Mixed (personal, postal, proxy)	1999	
20	BELIZE	No external voting	No external voting		
21	BENIN	Presidential	Mixed (personal, proxy)	Not available	
22	BERMUDA	No external voting	No external voting		
23	BHUTAN	No provisions for direct elections	No provisions for direct elections		
24	BOLIVIA	Presidential	Not yet decided	Not applicable	Not yet implemented. A law including external provisions was passed by the lower chamber of the parliament on 6 December 2005. It is now being discussed in the upper chamber.
25	BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	Presidential, legislative, sub-national	Postal	1996	

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26	BOTSWANA	Legislative	Personal	1997	
27	BRAZIL	Presidential	Personal	1989	
28	BRUNEI DARUS-SALAM	No provisions for direct elections	No provisions for direct elections		
29	BULGARIA	Presidential, legislative	Personal	1990	
30	BURKINA FASO	No external voting	No external voting		
31	BURMA <sup>1</sup>	No external voting	No external voting		
32	BURUNDI	No external voting	No external voting		
33	CAMBODIA	See comments	See comments		Special practice at elections to the Constituent Assembly in 1993
34	CAMEROON	No external voting	No external voting		
35	CANADA	Legislative, referendums	Postal	1944	
36	CAPE VERDE	Presidential, legislative	Personal	1991	
37	CAYMAN ISLANDS	No external voting	No external voting		
38	CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC	Presidential	Personal	Not available	
39	CHAD	Presidential	Mixed (personal, proxy)	2001	
40	CHILE	No external voting	No external voting		A legislative proposal is being discussed and was approved by one of the commissions of the Law Chamber on 4 October 2006 (the Commission on Human Rights, Nationality and Citizenship). It has been suggested that external voting be applied for presidential elections and plebiscites at the next presidential election in 2010.
41	CHINA	No provisions for direct elections	No provisions for direct elections		

<sup>1</sup>The UN name is Myanmar.

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42	COLOMBIA	Presidential, legislative	Personal	1962	In the most recent presidential election (March 2006), Colombians abroad also participated in the primary elections for presidential candidates of two political parties (Partido Liberal and Polo Democrático Alternativo).
43	COMOROS	No external voting	No external voting		There is an Electoral Code reform draft before the Congress, article 4 of which would provide for the possibility of voting in referendums from abroad.
44	CONGO (BRAZZAVILLE)	No external voting	No external voting		
45	CONGO (KINSHASA), DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC	No external voting	No external voting		
46	COOK ISLANDS	Legislative, referendums	Mixed (personal, postal)	1981	The reserved seat for external voters was abolished in 2004.
47	COSTA RICA	No external voting	No external voting		An Electoral Code draft handed to the Congress outlines the possibilities for introducing external voting. A draft chapter on external voting was handed to the lower chamber in May 2006 to be added to the Electoral Code. It suggests that citizens abroad can vote for presidential and legislative elections at diplomatic offices/personal voting. If external voting is approved it may be implemented for the 2010 national elections.
48	CÔTE D'IVOIRE	Presidential	Personal	1995	
49	CROATIA	Presidential, legislative	Personal	1992	
50	CUBA	No provisions for direct elections	No provisions for direct elections		
51	CYPRUS	No external voting	No external voting		
52	CYPRUS (NORTH)	No external voting	No external voting		

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53	CZECH REPUBLIC	Legislative	Personal	2002	
54	DENMARK	Legislative, sub-national, referendums	Postal	1980	
55	DJIBOUTI	Presidential, legislative	Personal	Not available	
56	DOMINICA	No external voting	No external voting		
57	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	Presidential	Personal	2004	Legislated in 1997. Discussions going ongoing about how the Dominican voters abroad can obtain their ID/voting card.
58	ECUADOR	Presidential	Personal	2006	
59	EGYPT	No external voting	No external voting		Discussions in progress about the possibility of introducing external voting.
60	EL SALVADOR	No external voting	No external voting		
61	EQUATORIAL GUINEA	Presidential, legislative	Personal	Not available	
62	ERITREA	Country in transition	Country in transition		External voting allowed in the referendum on independence in 1993. Eritrean Referendum Proclamation (no. 22/1992)
63	ESTONIA	Legislative, referendum	Mixed (personal, postal, e-voting)	1992	
64	ETHIOPIA	No external voting	No external voting		
65	FALKLAND ISLANDS	Legislative, sub-national	Postal	Not available	
66	FIJI	Legislative	Postal	Not available	
67	FINLAND	Presidential, legislative, sub-national	Personal	1958	
68	FRANCE	Presidential, referendums (and 12 seats in the Senate)	Mixed (personal, proxy)	1976	External voting implemented for the first time in 1924 for French administrators posted to the occupied Rhineland. Postal voting.
69	GABON	Presidential, referendums	Mixed (personal, proxy)	Not available	
70	GAMBIA	No external voting	No external voting		
71	GEORGIA	Presidential, legislative	Personal	1995	

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72	GERMANY	Legislative	Postal	1985	
73	GHANA	Presidential, legislative	Personal	2008	
74	GIBRALTAR	Legislative	Postal	Not available	
75	GREECE	Legislative	Not yet implemented	Not applicable	
76	GRENADA	No external voting	No external voting		
77	GUATEMALA	No external voting	No external voting		
78	GUERNSEY	Legislative	Postal	Not available	
79	GUINEA	Presidential, legislative	Mixed (personal, proxy)	1993	
80	GUINEA-BISSAU	Legislative	Personal	Not available	
81	GUYANA	Legislative	Personal	1993	
82	HAITI	No external voting	No external voting		
83	HOLY SEE (VATICAN CITY STATE)	No provisions for direct elections	No provisions for direct elections		
84	HONDURAS	Presidential	Personal	2001	
85	HUNGARY	Legislative, referendums	Personal	2004	
86	ICELAND	Presidential, legislative, sub-national	Personal	1949	
87	INDIA	Legislative	Mixed (postal, proxy)	2004	
88	INDONESIA	Presidential, legislative	Mixed (personal, postal)	1955	
89	IRAN, ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF	Presidential, referendums, sub-national	Personal	1980	
90	IRAQ	Legislative	Personal	2004	
91	IRELAND	Presidential, legislative, sub-national, referendums	Postal	1992	
92	ISRAEL	Presidential, legislative	Personal	Not available	
93	ITALY	Legislative, referendums	Postal	2003	
94	JAMAICA	No external voting	No external voting		

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95	JAPAN	Legislative	Mixed (personal, postal)	2002	
96	JERSEY	Legislative	Postal	Not available	
97	JORDAN	No external voting	No external voting		
98	KAZAKHSTAN	Presidential, legislative, sub-national	Personal	1994	
99	KENYA	No external voting	No external voting		
100	KIRIBATI	No external voting	No external voting		
101	KOREA, DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF	No external voting	No external voting		
102	KOREA, REPUBLIC OF	No external voting	No external voting		Discussions in process about the possibility of introducing external voting.
103	KUWAIT	No external voting	No external voting		
104	KYRGYZSTAN	Presidential, referendums	Personal	2000	
105	LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC	Legislative	Personal	2006	
106	LATVIA	Legislative, referendums	Mixed (personal, postal)	1992	
107	LEBANON	No external voting	No external voting		
108	LESOTHO	Legislative	Postal	Not available	
109	LIBERIA	No external voting	No external voting		
110	LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA	No provisions for direct elections	No provisions for direct elections		
111	LIECHTENSTEIN	Legislative, sub-national, referendums	Postal	2004	
112	LITHUANIA	Presidential, referendums	Mixed (personal, postal)	1992	
113	LUXEMBOURG	Legislative	Postal	1984	
114	MACEDONIA, THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF	No external voting	No external voting		
115	MADAGASCAR	No external voting	No external voting		

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116	MALAWI	No external voting	No external voting		
117	MALAYSIA	Legislative, sub-national	Postal	Not available	
118	MALDIVES	No external voting	No external voting		
119	MALI	Presidential, referendums	Mixed (personal, proxy)	1992	
120	MALTA	No external voting	No external voting		
121	MAN, ISLE OF	Legislative, sub-national	Postal	1976	
122	MARSHALL ISLANDS	Legislative	Postal	Not available	
123	MAURITANIA	No external voting	No external voting		
124	MAURITIUS	Legislative, sub-national	Proxy	Not available	
125	MEXICO	Presidential	Postal	2006	
126	MICRONESIA, FEDERATED STATES OF	Legislative, sub-national	Mixed (personal, postal)	Not available	
127	MOLDOVA, REPUBLIC OF	Presidential, legislative, referendums	Personal	1993	
128	MONACO	No external voting	No external voting	2007	
129	MONGOLIA	No external voting	No external voting		
130	MONTENEGRO	No external voting	No external voting		
131	MONTSERRAT	No external voting	No external voting		
132	MOROCCO	No external voting	No external voting		
133	MOZAMBIQUE	Presidential, legislative	Personal	2004	
134	NAMIBIA	Presidential, legislative	Personal	1994	
135	NAURU	Legislative	Proxy	2004	
136	NEPAL	No external voting	No external voting		
137	NETHERLANDS	Legislative	Mixed (postal, proxy, e-voting)	1989	
138	NETHERLANDS ANTILLES	No external voting	No external voting		

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139	NEW ZEALAND	Legislative, sub-national, referendums	Mixed (personal, postal, fax)	1957	
140	NICARAGUA	Presidential, legislative	N/A (most likely to be personal)	Not applicable	There is a law but the EMB needs to decide six months prior to the election that external voting will take place. This has not yet happened.
141	NIGER	Presidential, referendum	Personal	Not available	
142	NIGERIA	No external voting	No external voting		Discussions in progress about the possibility of introducing external voting.
143	NIUE	No external voting	No external voting		
144	NORWAY	Legislative, sub-national	Postal	1921	
145	OMAN	Legislative	N/A	Not available	
146	PAKISTAN	No external voting	No external voting		
147	PALAU	Legislative, sub-national, referendums	Personal, postal	1981	
148	PALESTINE	No external voting	No external voting		
149	PANAMA	Presidential	Postal		A decision by the Panamanian Congress in 2006 and a following decision by the Electoral Tribunal in 2007 allows for External Voting.
150	PAPUA NEW GUINEA	No external voting	No external voting		
151	PARAGUAY	No external voting	No external voting		
152	PERU	Presidential, legislative, referendums	Personal	1980	
153	PHILIPPINES	Presidential, legislative	Mixed (personal, postal)	2004	
154	PITCAIRN ISLANDS	Legislative	Personal	2001	
155	POLAND	Presidential, legislative, referendums	Personal	1990	
156	PORTUGAL	Presidential, legislative, referendums	Mixed (personal, postal)	1976	

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157	QATAR	No provisions for direct elections	No provisions for direct elections		
158	ROMANIA	Presidential, legislative	Personal	1990	
159	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	Legislative, presidential, sub-national, referendums	Personal	Not available	
160	RWANDA	Presidential, legislative, referendums	Personal	2003	
161	SAINT HELENA	No external voting	No external voting		
162	SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS	No external voting	No external voting		
163	SAINT LUCIA	No external voting	No external voting		
164	SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES	No external voting	No external voting		
165	SAMOA	No external voting	No external voting		
166	SAN MARINO	No external voting	No external voting		
167	SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE	Presidential, legislative	Personal	Not available	
168	SAUDI ARABIA	No provisions for direct elections	No provisions for direct elections		
169	SENEGAL	Presidential, legislative	Personal	1993	
170	SERBIA	No external voting	No external voting		
171	SEYCHELLES	No external voting	No external voting		
172	SIERRA LEONE	No external voting	No external voting		Voters may register but not vote from another country.
173	SINGAPORE	Presidential, legislative	Personal	2006	
174	SLOVAKIA	No external voting	No external voting	N/A	
175	SLOVENIA	Presidential, legislative, referendums	Mixed (personal, postal)	1992	
176	SOLOMON ISLANDS	No external voting	No external voting		

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177	SOMALIA	Transitional	Transitional		
178	SOUTH AFRICA	Legislative	Personal	1994	
179	SPAIN	Legislative, sub-national, referendums	Mixed (personal, postal)	1985	
180	SRI LANKA	No external voting	No external voting		
181	SUDAN	Presidential, referendums	Personal	1986	
182	SURINAME	No external voting	No external voting		
183	SWAZILAND	No external voting	No external voting		
184	SWEDEN	Legislative, referendums	Mixed (personal, postal, proxy)	1968	
185	SWITZERLAND	Legislative, sub-national, referendums	Postal	1977	
186	SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC	Presidential, legislative	Personal	Not available	
187	TAIWAN	No external voting	No external voting		
188	TAJIKISTAN	Presidential, legislative, referendums	Postal	1994	
189	TANZANIA, UNITED REPUBLIC OF	No external voting	No external voting		
190	THAILAND	Legislative	Mixed (personal, postal)	2000	
191	TIMOR-LESTE	See comments	See comments		External voting used in the 1999 referendum only.
192	TOGO	Presidential, legislative, sub-national, referendums	Proxy	Not available	
193	TOKELAU	Country in transition	Country in transition		External voting used in the 2006 referendum on independence only.
194	TONGA	No external voting	No external voting		
195	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	No external voting	No external voting		
196	TUNISIA	Presidential	Personal	2004	
197	TURKEY	Legislative	Personal	Not available	

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198	TURKMENISTAN	No external voting	No external voting		
199	TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS	No external voting	No external voting		
200	TUVALU	No external voting	No external voting		
201	UGANDA	No external voting	No external voting		
202	UKRAINE	Presidential, legislative, referendums	Personal	1994	
203	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	No provisions for direct elections	No provisions for direct elections		
204	UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND	Legislative	Mixed (postal, proxy)	1918	
205	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	Presidential, legislative, sub-national, referendums	Primarily postal	1942	The voting method in the United States of America varies by state as external voting processes in this federal system are mainly managed on state level.
206	URUGUAY	No external voting	No external voting		
207	UZBEKISTAN	Presidential, legislative, referendums	Personal	1994	
208	VANUATU	Legislative, sub-national	Proxy	1980	
209	VENEZUELA	Presidential	Personal	1998	External voting applies for referendums on presidential recall.
210	VIETNAM	No external voting	No external voting		
211	VIRGIN ISLANDS, BRITISH	No external voting	No external voting		
212	YEMEN	Presidential, referendums	Personal	Not available	
213	ZAMBIA	No external voting	No external voting		
214	ZIMBABWE	Legislative	Postal	1980	