

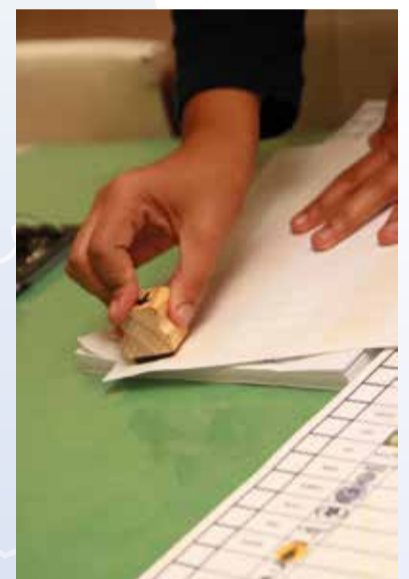
How to make your mark on the Ballot



An election official will show you to an open voting booth. You will be alone to make your mark. Your vote is your secret.

Why two ballot papers?

- One paper is to choose your preferred political party for the National Assembly; the other paper is to choose your party for the Provincial Legislature for the province in which you live.
- Information on the ballot papers:
 - the full name of each political party
 - the abbreviated name of each party
 - the logo or symbol of each party
 - a photograph of each party leader
 - a blank space in which to indicate the party of your choice
- Every ballot paper is stamped at the back by an IEC official as you receive it. This prevents people from trying to bring ballots in from elsewhere.



What is the Universal Ballot Template?

The Universal Ballot Template (UBT) is a voting aid made of hard, black plastic into which a ballot paper is inserted. The template is not a braille ballot paper. It can be used by all people with disabilities, the elderly and people who are not able to read or write well.

How to make your mark?

- Make your mark in the box next to the party of your choice.
- Be careful not to let your mark touch any of the walls of the box.
- Make only one mark on the ballot paper:
 - It is best to make a cross like this:
 - You can also make a tick like this:
- Any mark is fine as long as it shows who you are voting for. This helps the voting officials when they count the votes.
- If you have made a mistake, tell the election official. He or she will then cancel your ballot paper. You will be given a new one.
- Fold each ballot paper in half, so nobody can see your mark.

An election official will check the stamp on the back of each ballot. Then place each provincial and national ballot paper in the correct ballot box.

For more information contact the IEC

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