

Rules and Regulations: Postal/Early Voting

These rules and regulations set out the conditions and procedures applicable to the exercise of the right to vote by post or in advance in elections to the School Board (CE), Scientific Board (CC) and Pedagogical Board (CP) of Lisbon School of Economics and Management (ISEG), in accordance with the ISEG Electoral Regulations.

Postal/early voting is an exceptional method of exercising the right to vote, intended for voters who, for a valid reason duly assessed by the Electoral Committee, are unable to vote in person on polling day.

The adoption of this procedure aims to ensure maximum voter turnout, whilst upholding the principles of personal and secret voting, equality among voters, transparency of the electoral process and the impartiality of the Electoral Committee, in accordance with the provisions of the ISEG Electoral Regulations.

The exercise of the right to vote by post or early voting is subject to prior recognition of that right by the Electoral Committee and strict compliance with the rules and deadlines set out in these regulations, in particular regarding the application for authorisation, the collection of ballot papers, the manner in which they are to be handled, and the deadlines for their submission.

Article 1

Application for a postal vote

1. Voters who believe they meet the conditions to exercise their right to vote by post must notify the Electoral Committee of their intention to do so by email (atoeleitoral2026@iseg.ulisboa.pt) by **23 April**.
2. The application referred to in the previous paragraph is subject to review by the Electoral Committee, which decides whether to grant the right to vote by post.

Article 2

Provision of ballot papers

1. The Electoral Committee will provide ballot papers and the appropriate envelope for posting to those voters who are deemed entitled to vote by post.
2. The ballot papers and the envelope referred to in the previous paragraph must be collected by these voters from the Dean's Office by **30 April**, or, alternatively, sent by post to the address indicated by the voter in the application submitted.

Article 3

Submission of ballot papers

1. Ballot papers must be handed in at the Dean's Office or sent by post to the Electoral Commission.
2. In order to be validated, ballot papers must be received by the Electoral Committee by **6 May**.

Article 4

Method of handling and secrecy of the vote

1. The ballot paper must be placed in the envelope provided by the Electoral Committee, which must not contain any element or indication that would allow the voter to be identified.
2. The envelope referred to in the previous paragraph must be placed inside a second envelope, duly marked with the voter's name.
3. In the case of postal voting, the voter must be named as the sender of the letter, for the purposes of confirming their identity, whilst safeguarding the secrecy of the vote.