

How the Mayor is elected

Step 1	In the election for Mayor of London you have two votes – a first and a second choice. On the pink ballot paper, vote for your first choice with a cross in column one and for your second choice with a cross in column two.
Step 2	When the polls close, all the ballot papers are sent to one of three count centres where they are electronically scanned and counted.
Step 3	Once all the votes have been counted, if one candidate receives more than 50% of the first choice votes, they are declared the winner.
Step 4	But if none of the candidates receives over 50% of the first choice votes, there is a second round.
Step 5	The two candidates with the highest number of first choice votes go through to the next round. All the other candidates are eliminated.
Step 6	The second choice votes from the eliminated candidates are counted. Any votes for the top two candidates are added to their vote totals.
Step 7	When the second choice votes have been added, the candidate with the highest total of combined first and second choice votes is declared the winner.

How the Assembly is elected

Step 1	The London Assembly has 25 members. 14 are Constituency Assembly Members – they represent the different areas of London. The remaining 11 are London-wide Assembly members who represent London as a whole.
Step 2	Your yellow ballot paper lists all the candidates standing to represent your constituency on the London Assembly. You vote for one candidate with one cross.
Step 3	The candidate with the most votes in each constituency wins the seat.
Step 4	Your orange ballot paper lists all the political parties and independent candidates standing in the London-wide Assembly Member contest. You vote for one party or independent candidate with one cross.
Step 5	All the London-wide votes from each constituency are added together. Any party or independent candidate with fewer than 5% of the total number of votes is eliminated. The 11 London-wide Assembly Member seats are then allocated. Each party or independent candidate receives a number of seats in proportion to the number of votes they won across London.
Step 6	The 14 Constituency and 11 London-wide Assembly Members make up the complete London Assembly.