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# Federal election overview



Elections Canada is the non-partisan agency responsible for ensuring that Canadians can exercise their democratic rights to vote and be a candidate.

- There are 338 ridings in Canada – you vote for a candidate running in your riding

Elections Canada informs voters on when, where and the ways to register and vote in a federal election.

**Visit [elections.ca](https://elections.ca) for the official information you need to vote.**

# Who can vote?



**To vote in a federal election, you must:**

- be a Canadian citizen
- be at least 18 years old on election day
- prove your identity and address

# What is voter registration?



Elections Canada maintains a National Register of Electors.

- It is a permanent, continually updated database of Canadians who are qualified to vote in federal elections
- We use the register to create lists of electors for a federal election

All registered electors receive a voter information card in the mail from Elections Canada after the election is called. It tells them where and when they can vote.

## **Safeguarding personal information**

Elections Canada secures Canadians' personal information in the National Register of Electors by using firewalls, data encryption and procedural controls.

# How to register



elections.ca  
1-800-463-6868

You can register before or when you go to vote.

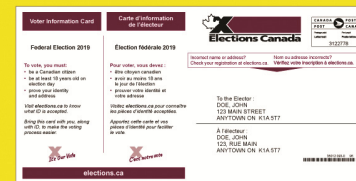
## 1. Register before you go to vote:

- **Online:** Visit [elections.ca](https://elections.ca) and use the Voter Registration Service to register or update your voter information.
- **By mail:** Call us at **1-800-463-6868** and we'll send you a registration form.

## 2. Register when you go to vote:

- **At any Elections Canada office across Canada**, before the Tuesday before election day, 6:00 p.m.
- **At your assigned polling station** on election day or advance polling days

# Watch for your voter information card



Your voter information card tells you:

- where and when you can vote;
- the accessibility of your assigned polling stations on election day and advance polling days; and
- how to request voting assistance in advance, including language and sign language interpretation.

## Check the name and address on the card

If there are errors, or if you don't receive a card, visit **elections.ca** or call **1-800-463-6868** to update your voter information. You can also update your information when you go to vote.

# Have your ID ready to vote



You have three options to prove your identity and address:

## Option 1:

**Show one piece of government-issued ID with your photo, name and current address.**

For example: your driver's licence.

## Option 2:

**Show two pieces of ID.** Both must have your name, and at least one must have your current address. For example: your voter information card and a bank statement, or a utility bill and your student ID card. The complete list of accepted ID is available at [elections.ca](https://elections.ca).

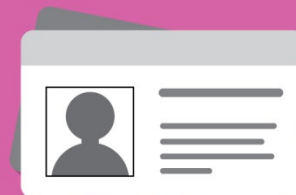
## Option 3:

**If you don't have ID,** you can still vote if you declare your identity and address in writing and have someone who knows you and who is assigned to your polling station vouch for you.

The voucher must be able to prove their identity and address. A person can vouch for only one person (except in long-term care institutions).

# Voter ID

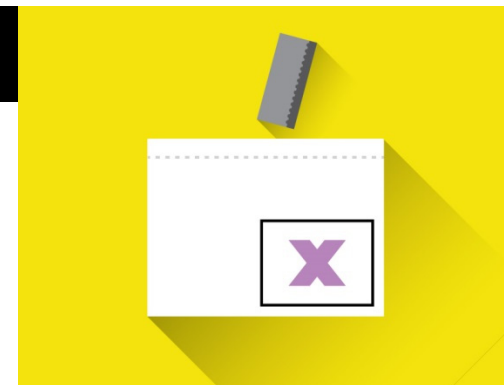
## Helpful tips



- Elections Canada accepts original ID cards and documents, including e-statements and e-invoices.
- For documents issued electronically, print them or show them on a mobile device.
- **New:** Your voter information card can be used as proof of address, along with another piece of accepted ID.



# Ways you can vote



You can vote almost any time during the election period.

## 1. On election day

Your assigned polling station will be open for 12 hours (hours vary by province).

## 2. On advance polling days

Your assigned polling station will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on the Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday the week before election day.

## 3. At any Elections Canada office across Canada

Go to any Elections Canada office before the Tuesday before election day, 6:00 p.m.

You will vote using the special ballot process.

Once the election is called, visit [elections.ca](https://elections.ca) or call us to find the office nearest you.

# Ways you can vote



## 4. By mail

Apply at [elections.ca](https://elections.ca) before the Tuesday before election day, 6:00 p.m. to receive a special ballot voting kit in the mail.

- **Don't wait!** You need to allow enough time for your voting kit to reach you and for you to return your marked ballot to Elections Canada by election day.
- Can't apply online? Call us at **1-800-463-6868** or visit any Elections Canada office across Canada.

## Other ways to vote

You may be eligible to vote another way, such as at home.

Visit [elections.ca](https://elections.ca) or call us for more information.

# Where you can vote



If you vote on election day or advance polling days, you will vote at an assigned polling station in your riding.

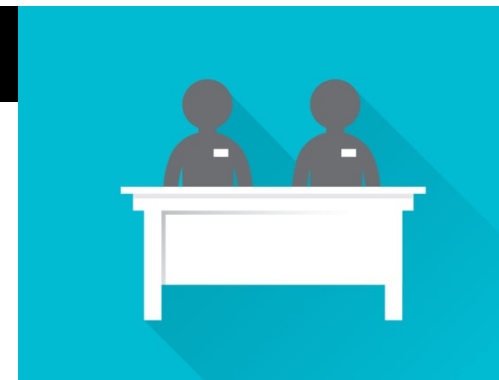
To find out where your assigned polling station is located:

- check your voter information card; or
- visit **elections.ca** and enter your postal code into the Voter Information Service box.

## Can't vote at your assigned polling station?

There are other places you can vote. Visit **elections.ca** or call **1-800-463-6868** or **1-800-361-8935** (TTY) for more information.

# Accessible polling stations



All electors are assigned polling stations for election day and advance polling days. Make sure your assigned polling stations meet your accessibility needs.

- To find out how accessible your assigned polling stations are:
  - check your voter information card;
  - visit **elections.ca** and enter your postal code into the Voter Information Service box; or
  - call us at **1-800-463-6868** or **1-800-361-8935 (TTY)**.
- All polling stations will have either an automatic door opener or an election worker at the door to provide assistance.

If your polling stations don't meet your accessibility needs, or if you need language or sign language interpretation when you go to vote, call us. Deadlines apply.

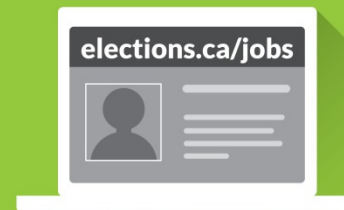
# Voting tools and services

on election day



- **Bigger ballot** with candidate names in **large print**
- **Large-print** and **braille lists** of candidates
- **Tactile and braille voting template**
- **Magnifiers (4x)**
- **Language and sign language interpretation**  
(and other assistance upon request in advance)
- **Assistance marking your ballot**  
(bring someone you know or ask an election worker)
- **Large-grip pencil**

# Work at the election



- Over 200,000 Canadians across the country are hired during an election. Jobs are paid and training is provided.
- To work at an election, you need to:
  - be a Canadian citizen
  - be at least 16 years old
  - remain non-partisan

Learn more and apply online at [elections.ca](https://elections.ca).

# Tell us how we're doing



Your feedback is important to us. Let us know how we're doing by:

1. Completing a ***Feedback on Accessibility and Voter Experience*** form
  - At your voting location
  - At **[elections.ca/feedback](https://elections.ca/feedback)**
2. Speaking with an election worker
3. Calling us at **1-800-463-6868** or **1-800-361-8935 (TTY)**

# Spread the word



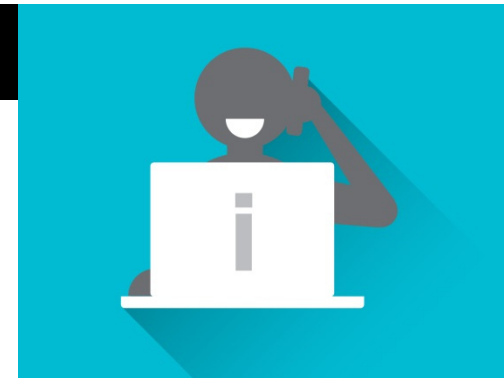
Help spread the word about the federal election.

- **Share digital tools**
  - Infographics, videos and e-versions of print products are available at [elections.ca](https://elections.ca).
- **Get products in multiple languages and formats**
  - A guide to the federal election and the list of accepted ID are available in multiple languages.
  - Voting information is available in other formats, such as braille, large print and audio. Call us at **1-800-463-6868** to order what you need.
- **Social media**
  - Follow us on social media and share the official information Canadians need to vote.





# Contact Elections Canada



- Visit **elections.ca**
- Call us
  - Tel: **1-800-463-6868**
  - TTY: **1-800-361-8935**
  - During the election period, we offer language interpretation services by phone.
- Social media
  - Twitter: Elections Canada @ElectionsCan\_E
  - Facebook: ElectionsCanE
  - Instagram: electionscan-e
  - YouTube and LinkedIn: Elections Canada

Elections Canada welcomes Video Relay System (VRS) calls.