Guide to the federal election

Visit elections.ca for the official information on voting and the health and safety measures in place

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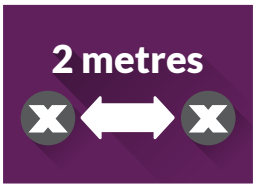
Your health and safety is our priority

At your polling station, poll workers will be wearing masks. There will also be:

Hand sanitizer stations

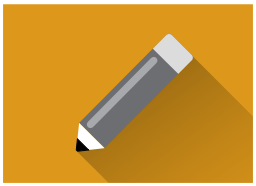


Clear physical distancing markers

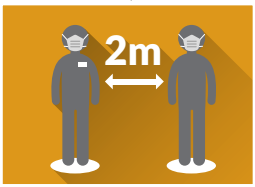
Only one poll worker per desk behind a plexiglass barrier

When you go vote, don't forget:

Wear a mask



We will provide you with a single-use pencil to mark your ballot, or you can bring your own pen or pencil



Practice physical distancing by staying at least two metres away from voters and poll workers

If you have tested positive for or have symptoms of COVID-19, or if you have been in contact with someone who has the virus, visit elections.ca to apply to vote by mail.

This brochure is available in multiple languages at **elections.ca**.
For other formats, such as braille, large print and DAISY, call us at **1-800-463-6868** or **1-800-361-8935 (TTY)**.

Make sure you're registered to get a voter information card

If you're registered, you should get a voter information card in the mail after the election is called. It tells you where and when you can vote. Bring the card, along with accepted ID, to make the voting process easier.

If you don't get a card, or if the information on it is incorrect, you may not be registered or your voter information may not be up to date. Visit **elections.ca** to register or update your address, or call us at **1-800-463-6868** or **1-800-361-8935 (TTY)** for assistance. You can also register or update your voter information when you go to vote.

To register and vote in the federal election, you must:

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

Ways to vote

You can vote almost any time during the election period

Choose the voting option that works best for you.

1 **On election day**

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

Check your **voter information card** for where and when you can vote.

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 **By mail**

Apply by the Tuesday before election day, 6:00 p.m. You will vote using the special ballot process. Make sure we receive your marked ballot **by election day**, or it cannot be counted. Visit **elections.ca** for more information on deadlines and to see if voting by mail is the right choice for you.

4 **At any Elections Canada office across Canada**

Go to any Elections Canada office across Canada by the Tuesday before election day, 6:00 p.m. You will vote using the special ballot process. After the election is called, visit **elections.ca** or call us to find the Elections Canada office nearest you.

Once you have applied to vote by mail or at an Elections Canada office, it is the **only** way you can vote in this election.

Have your ID ready to vote

You have three options to prove your identity and address.

To vote, you must be a Canadian citizen and at least 18 years old on election day.

Option 1

Show one of these pieces of ID

- your driver's licence
- any other card issued by a Canadian government (federal, provincial/territorial or local) with your photo, name and current address

or

Option 2

Show two pieces of ID

Both must have your name and at least one must have your current address.

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Examples:

- voter information card and bank statement
- utility bill and student ID card

Don't have these? No problem!

There are other accepted pieces of ID.
Check out the full list at **elections.ca**.

or

Option 3

If you don't have ID

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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 facilities).

Voting assistance tools and services

All electors are assigned polling stations for election day and advance polling days. After the election is called, make sure your assigned polling station meets your accessibility needs. To find out how accessible it is:

- 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)**

If you have concerns about the accessibility of your assigned polling station, call us at **1-800-463-6868** or **1-800-361-8935 (TTY)**.

To request voting assistance in advance, including language and sign language interpretation, call the Elections Canada office in your riding by the Tuesday before election day, 6:00 p.m.

Voting assistance 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

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 (limited quantity) You can also bring your own pen or pencil

Signature guide

Note: Braille lists of candidates are only available on election day. Large print is available on advance polling days and on election day.