

Ready to *vote* 

On October 19, 2015, vote

Am I eligible to vote in the federal election?

You can vote in this federal election if you:

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

Make sure you are registered to vote.

When and where can I vote?

Advance polls will take place Thanksgiving weekend, when people may be away or visiting family. What does this mean for voting?

The Canada Elections Act (Justice laws website) says that advance polls must be held the 10th, 9th, 8th and 7th days before election day. As a result, advance polls coincide with Thanksgiving weekend, which runs from Friday, October 9 to Monday, October 12. You can choose how and when to vote:

- on election day
- on an advance voting day
- at an Elections Canada office
- by mail

I live in Canada but will be out of my riding on election day. How do I vote?

You can vote at your advance poll, at any Elections Canada office, or by mail. Learn more about the ways to vote.

I live in a hospital or long-term care facility. How do I vote?

Voters who live in hospitals and facilities that provide long-term care may have the extra option of voting at a mobile polling station in their residence.

Elections Canada offers mobile polling stations in some residences and hospital wards. If required, we carry the ballot box from room to room to facilitate voting. To find out if there will be mobile polls in your residence, ask the administrator or call Elections Canada at 1-800-463-6868.

Everyone who votes must prove their identity and address. See the list of ID accepted at the polls.

Here are some ways to prove your identity and address:

To prove your identity (name), you can show a piece of ID with your name on it, like a health card, social insurance card (SIN card), birth certificate, Veterans Affairs health card, or hospital bracelet.

For residents of long-term care facilities, it is acceptable to show photocopies of your proof of identity and address. To prove your address, one option is to show a letter of confirmation of residence. This is an official letter from a long-term care facility that says you live there. You can request this letter from the facility administrator.

If you don't have ID proving your address: Take an oath, show two pieces of ID with your name, and have someone who knows you attest to your address. [Learn more.](#)

For more information, please contact Elections Canada at 1-800-463-6868.

I'm serving a prison sentence. Can I vote?

Yes. Canadian citizens who will be 18 or older on election day and who are in a correctional institution in Canada can vote by special ballot. A staff member in your institution is given the job of "liaison officer" to help you register and vote before election day.

I'm homeless or I have no fixed address. How do I vote?

All Canadian citizens aged 18 or older are welcome to register and vote. Everyone must prove their identity and home address when they go to vote.

What counts as my home address?

If you stay in a shelter: Your home address is the address of the shelter.

If you live on the street and receive services from a shelter or soup kitchen: Your home address is the address of the shelter or soup kitchen.

Where do I vote?

You vote at the polling place set up for your home address.

If you know the address of your shelter or soup kitchen, you can find out where to vote here. If not, ask at the shelter or soup kitchen, or call Elections Canada at 1-800-463-6868.

How do I prove my identity and home address?

Here are some ways you can prove your identity and home address:

To prove your identity (name): You can show a piece of ID with your name on it, like a library card, public transportation card, birth certificate, hospital or health card, label on a prescription container or government statement of benefits.

To prove your home address: You can show an official letter called a letter of confirmation of residence. Learn how to get one from your shelter or soup kitchen.

If you don't have ID proving your address: Take an oath, show two pieces of ID with your name, and have someone who knows you and who lives in your polling division attest to your address. Learn more about taking an oath.

For more information, please e-mail us or call 1-800-463-6868. If you work with an organization that serves people who are homeless, call to learn more about our outreach program.

I did not get a voter information card in the mail. What should I do?

Elections Canada sends a voter information card by mail to each registered voter. It should arrive between September 28 and October 2. The voter information card gives the hours and address of your advance polling place, election day polling place and local Elections Canada office.

If you did not get a voter information card, or if your card has the wrong name or address, follow these steps to register to vote or update your voter registration.

I received a voter information card for a deceased person or for someone who no longer lives at my address. What should I do?

Please contact your local Elections Canada office – get contact information here.

When I filed my taxes with the Canada Revenue Agency, I answered "no" to sharing my information with Elections Canada. Do I still have the right to vote?

Yes. If you are a Canadian citizen aged 18 or older, you can vote even if you answered "no" to that question. But your voter registration may not be up to date. Check, update or complete your registration now.