

# FEDERAL ELECTION 2015



*Ready to* **vote** 



# Federal Election Overview

- ✓ **There will be a federal election in 2015**
- Elections Canada is a non-partisan agency responsible for running the election and ensuring that Canadians are able 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. Go to [elections.ca](http://elections.ca) for all the information you need to be ready to vote.

# Eligibility

## ✓ Can I vote?

- You can vote if you:
  - are a Canadian citizen
  - are at least 18 years old on election day
  - can prove your identity and address
- For students under 18, your school can participate in Student Vote – a hands-on parallel election program: [studentvote.ca](http://studentvote.ca)



# Registration

## ✓ Am I registered to vote?

- **Make sure you're registered**
  - You can check, update or complete your registration at [elections.ca](http://elections.ca).
  - Registering in advance is easy and will save you time when you go to vote.
- **Watch for your voter information card**
  - Once you're registered, you'll get a card in the mail soon after the election is called.
  - It tells you when, where and ways to vote and the accessibility of your polling places.
  - Check your name and address on the card and contact Elections Canada if there are errors.

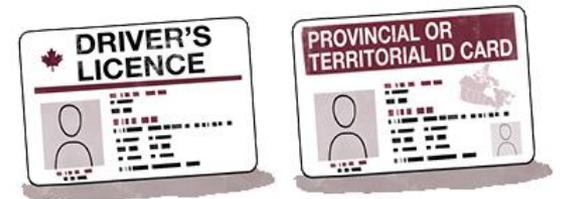


# Voter Identification

## ✓ What ID should I take with me?

To prove your identity and address:

Show **1 piece** of government-issued ID with **your photo, name and current address** (e.g. driver's licence or a provincial or territorial ID card).



OR

Show **2 pieces** of ID. **Both must have your name and 1 must have your current address** (e.g. health card and a utility bill).



OR

**Take an oath.** Show two pieces of ID with your name and have someone who knows you attest to your address. They must show proof of identity and address, and be registered in the same polling division. They can attest for only one person.

# Voter Identification – Helpful Tips

## ☑ What else should I know?

- Elections Canada accepts original ID cards and documents.
- For documents issued electronically (such as e-statements or e-invoices), you can bring printouts or show them on a mobile device.
- Take your voter information card with you when you go to vote. It **cannot** be used as proof of identity or address, but it will make the voting process faster.

# Ways to Vote

✓ What are the 4 ways to vote?

1. On **election day**, at your polling place
2. On one of four **advance voting** days, at your polling place
3. In person at any **Elections Canada office**
4. **By mail** (deadlines apply)

# Where to Vote

## How can I find my polling place?

- Check your voter information card. It tells you where to vote.
- Go to [elections.ca](https://elections.ca) and type your postal code into our Voter Information Service once the election is called.
- Call 1-800-463-6868 or TTY 1-800-361-8935.

**It's always good to check – your polling place may have changed since the last time you voted.**

# Accessibility

## ✓ What is available to make voting more accessible?

- Polling place accessibility
  - Information on the accessibility of your polling places can be found on your voter information card or at [elections.ca](https://elections.ca).
  - Either your polling place will have an automatic door opener, or an election worker will be at the door to provide assistance.
  - If you need assistance at any time in the voting process, please ask an election worker and tell them how they can help.
  - You can also bring a support person, friend or family member to assist you.

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Tools and services at your polling place:

The image displays a grid of accessibility services at a polling place, enclosed in a dashed border. The services are arranged in two rows and four columns:

- Top Row:**
  - Magnifier with light (4x):** Accompanied by an illustration of a magnifying glass.
  - Sign language interpretation (requested ahead of time):** Accompanied by an illustration of two hands in sign language.
  - Assistance in marking a ballot:** Accompanied by an illustration of a person holding a large pencil.
  - Tactile and Braille voting template:** Accompanied by an illustration of a hand marking a ballot with a pencil.
- Bottom Row:**
  - Voting screen that lets in more light:** Accompanied by an illustration of a voting booth with the Elections Canada logo.
  - Braille list of candidates:** Accompanied by an illustration of Braille dots.
  - Large-print list of candidates:** Accompanied by an illustration of a ballot with large text.

# Employment

## ✓ How can I apply to work during the election?

- Over 200,000 Canadians across the country are hired during an election. Learn more and apply online at [elections.ca](http://elections.ca).
- To work in an election, you need to:
  - be a Canadian citizen
  - be at least 16 years old (priority given to 18 or older)
  - live in the riding where you will be working (for most jobs)
  - remain non-partisan

# Providing Feedback

## ✓ How can I provide feedback to Elections Canada?

You can give feedback on your voting experience in several ways.

- **General feedback or complaints**

- Fill out a form at [elections.ca](https://elections.ca).
- Call Elections Canada at 1-800-463-6868 or TTY 1-800-361-8935.

- **Accessibility feedback**

- Fill out an accessibility feedback form at [elections.ca](https://elections.ca) or at your polling place.
- Speak to an election worker at your polling place.



# Spread the Word

## ✓ How can I help spread the word about the election?

- **Digital shareable tools at elections.ca**
  - Audio files, infographics, videos, e-bulletins and e-versions of print products.
  - A voter's guide and the list of ID in 31 heritage and 12 Aboriginal languages.
- **Print products and other formats** (Call 1-800-463-6868 to order them)
  - *My Voter's Guide*, registration and ID flyer, list of ID and student flyer.
  - Audio, video, large print, DAISY, Braille, and sign language video (American Sign Language and Langue des signes québécoise).
- **Social media**
  - Follow Elections Canada on social media and share election information.

# Contact Elections Canada

## ✓ How can I get more information?

- Website: **elections.ca**
- Telephone: **1-800-463-6868**
  - During the election, telephone services are available in over 110 languages.
- TTY: **1-800-361-8935**
- Social media



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