

Basic Voter's Guide

2015 Canada Federal Election

When is Federal Election Day?



Can I Vote?

You can vote if:

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

How do I register to vote?

If you have moved, recently become a Canadian citizen, will be voting for the first time or are a student living away from home, you may not be correctly registered.

Go to elections.ca/register now to check, update or complete your registration. It's easy and will save you time when you go to vote.

Need help? Call Elections Canada at 1-800-463-6868

When you're registered, you will get a voter information card in the mail soon after the election is called. It tells you when, where and ways to vote. The card looks like this:

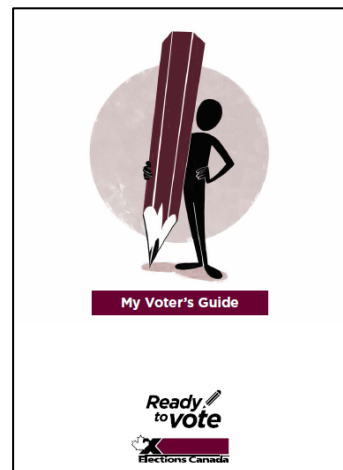


Check your name and address on the card. If they are correct, you are registered to vote.

If there are errors, or if you don't receive a card, go to elections.ca or call Elections Canada to update your information

Even if you don't receive your **Voter Information Card**, you can register at your polling place just before you vote, on Monday, October 19. Just remember to bring the required ID (see back).

You can also find out where to vote, which candidates are in your electoral district, and any other relevant information by visiting elections.ca website or by calling 1-800-463-6868, TTY 1-800-361-8935



Did you know that My Voter's Guide is available in 31 different languages from elections.ca website?

How federal elections work

In Canada, any citizen 18 years old or older can vote in a federal election. You vote for a candidate to represent your **riding**. The candidate who gets the most votes becomes your **Member of Parliament (MP)**. They'll represent you in the **House of Commons**, where they'll decide on federal laws.

Candidates are usually part of a political party. Members of a political party share similar views on how to make Canada better. Each party has a leader. The leader of the party with the most candidates elected becomes the Prime Minister.

Voting Words

riding

A geographic area of the country that could be a community, region or town that has a candidate representing it in the government.

Member of Parliament (MP)

The elected candidate for a federal riding.

House of Commons

The 338 elected members of parliament.

Voting Words

candidate

A person who is running for an elected position.

political party

An organization of people with similar goals who work together to be elected and help make decisions in government.

To learn more about election platform for the different parties visit <http://www.cbc.ca/news/elections/canadavotes> or each party's official website.





Every vote counts—make sure yours is one of them!


Vote in 6 steps


Once you're registered, here's what you can expect when you go to vote at your polling place.


- 1** When you enter the polling place, an election worker greets you and shows you to the right table.



- 2** At your table, show your proof of identity and address.


- 3** The election worker will initial, fold and hand you a ballot.


- 4** Go behind the voting screen, mark and refold your ballot to keep it secret.


- 5** Return your ballot to the worker so they can tear off the tab.


- 6** Put your ballot in the box.



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A sample of a ballot

..... DOE, John	<input type="radio"/>
..... Independent/Indépendant	
..... DOE, Sandra	<input type="radio"/>
..... Political Affiliation/Appartenance politique	
..... UNETELLE, Ann	<input type="radio"/>
..... Political Affiliation/Appartenance politique	
..... UNTEL, Pierre	<input type="radio"/>
..... Political Affiliation/Appartenance politique	

For More Info:

Elections Canada: www.elections.ca or call 1-800-463-6868

ABC Life Literacy Canada:
<http://abclifelifiteracy.ca/civic-literacy>

Maytree Election Resources:
<http://maytree.com/blog/category/voting/>

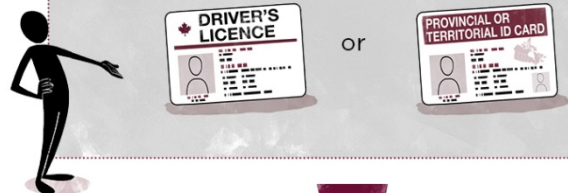
Voter ID

Get ready to vote in the 2015 federal election

You have several options for proving your identity and address:

- 1** Show 1 piece of government-issued ID with your photo, name and current address.

Examples:



OR

- 2** Show 2 pieces of ID.

 - Both must have your name
 - One must have your current address

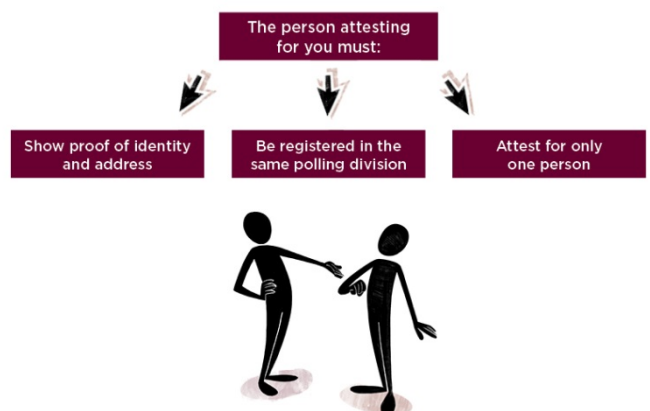
Examples:



OR

- 3** Take an oath.

 - Show 2 pieces of ID with your name, and
 - Ask someone who knows you to attest to your address



Contact Elections Canada for everything you need to know to be ready to vote.
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