

Voter Registration

Door-to-door enumeration of voters is a thing of the past for federal elections in Canada.



Elections Canada now keeps a permanent National Register of Electors, from which the preliminary lists of voters are drawn up. The National Register of Electors is maintained using a number of different sources, including federal income tax returns.

On November 1, 2 and 3, Elections Canada will send you a Voter Information Card (VIC) if your name is on the preliminary voters lists. The card will tell you that you are registered, and where and when to vote.

If you do not receive a Voter Information Card by November 7, or if the information on the card is incorrect, contact the returning office for your riding. To find the address of the returning office, locate your riding using the riding map or riding list on the Elections Canada site.

If you have difficulty locating your returning office, call Elections Canada at 1-800-INFO-VOTE (1-800-463-6868). For people who are deaf or hard of hearing, call TTY 1-800-361-8935.

It is also possible to register to vote at the polling station on Election Day, although Elections Canada advises you to register before then.

To register at the polling station:

- present valid identification to the deputy returning officer or the registration officer. "Valid identification" means a drivers' license, or one piece of identification with your name and address and another with your name and signature.

or

- take an oath or solemn declaration before the deputy returning officer and have another elector, whose name is on the voters list for that polling division, vouch. The elector who vouches for you will also have to take an oath or make a solemn declaration.

You are only allowed to vouch for one person per election.

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