

This election, make your voice heard

Why should I vote?

The federal election is a chance to have a say in who leads our country. You will be voting for your Member of Parliament (MP), and the government you elect will make policies about issues that greatly impact our lives.

Am I eligible to vote?

To vote in the federal election, you must be at least 18 years of age on election day, a Canadian citizen and prove your identity and address. (Eligible electors who are unhoused are welcome to vote; [find out how.](#))

Do I need to register to vote?

Yes, [you can register in advance or when you arrive to vote.](#) Check if you're registered or update your address [online](#). Register before you vote by registering [online](#) or in person at your local [Elections Canada office](#) by April 22.

When and where do I vote?

There are four ways to vote in the federal election:

1. You can vote now through the [special ballot process](#) (in which you write in your candidate's name) at any Elections Canada office. Find your closest Elections Canada office [here](#); there are dozens throughout the GTA. This voting option closes on Tuesday, April 22, at 6:00pm.
2. You can vote at your assigned polling station from 9:00am - 9:00pm on the following advance polling days: Friday-Monday, April 18-21. To find your advance polling station, check your [voter information card](#) or use the [Voter Information Service](#).
3. [Vote by mail](#) by [applying online](#) or at any [Elections Canada office](#). You must apply by Tuesday, April 22, at 6:00pm. You will vote using the [special ballot process](#).
4. Vote on election day (Monday, April 28) from [9:30am - 9:30pm](#) at your assigned voting location. To find your polling station, check your [voter information card](#) or use the [Voter Information Service](#).

Note: [By law](#), everyone who is [eligible to vote](#) must have three consecutive hours to cast their vote on election day. If your hours of work do not allow for three consecutive hours to vote, your employer must give you time off.

What do I need to bring with me to vote?

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

OPTION 2

Show **two** pieces of ID, either printed or shown on a mobile device. Both must have your name and at least one must have your current address.

From a government or government agency:

- band membership card
- birth certificate
- Canadian citizenship card or certificate
- Canadian Forces identity card
- Canadian passport (accepted only as proof of identity)
- card issued by an Inuit local authority
- firearms licence
- government cheque or cheque stub
- government statement of benefits
- health card
- income tax assessment
- Indian status card or temporary confirmation of registration
- library card
- licence or card issued for fishing, trapping or hunting
- liquor identity card
- Métis card
- old age security card
- parolee card
- property tax assessment or evaluation
- public transportation card
- social insurance number card
- vehicle ownership
- Veterans Affairs health care identification card

From Elections Canada:

- targeted revision form to residents of long-term care facilities
- voter information card

From an educational institution:

- correspondence issued by a school, college or university
- student identity card

From a health care facility or organization:

- blood donor card
- CNIB card
- hospital card
- label on a prescription container
- ID bracelet issued by a hospital or long-term care facility
- medical clinic card

From a financial institution

- bank statement
- credit card
- credit card statement
- credit union statement
- debit card
- insurance certificate, policy or statement
- mortgage contract or statement
- pension plan statement
- personal cheque

From a private organization

- employee card
- residential lease or sub-lease
- utility bill (e.g.: electricity; water; telecommunications services, including telephone, cable or satellite)

Letters of confirmation

- letter from a public curator, public guardian or public trustee
- letter of confirmation of residence from a First Nations band or reserve or an Inuit local authority
- letter of confirmation of residence from an Alberta Metis Settlement authority
- letter of confirmation of residence, letter of stay, admission form, or statement of benefits from one of the following designated establishments:
 - student residence
 - seniors' residence
 - long-term care facility
 - shelter, soup kitchen or community-based residential facility

OPTION 3

If you don't have ID, 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).