

Voting Officer (VO) - General Voting

Voting Officers (VOs) at general voting opportunities are responsible for administering voting at an assigned voting station, issuing ballots to voters, accounting for and securing all voting materials, and conducting initial count at the end of General Voting Day. There is one VO and one Voting Clerk (VC) per voting station.

Duties include:

- setting up the voting station
- administering solemn declarations
- checking voter identification
- announcing each voter's name and their voter number
- issuing ballots and instructing voters on how to mark and fold ballots
- receiving marked ballots from voters
- serving all voters in a friendly and efficient manner
- accounting for ballots and certification envelopes at initial count
- considering ballots and counting votes after the close of voting at initial count
- completing initial count reconciliation forms
- reporting results at the close of voting
- returning materials to the District Electoral Officer at the district electoral office

Relationship to other election official roles

- The VO will receive guidance and direction from the Supervisory Voting Officer (SVO) assigned to the voting place. If there is no SVO, the VO may take on additional duties.
- The VO and the VC work as a team to take responsibility for the voting station.
- The VO is accountable to the District and Deputy District Electoral Officers.

Special working conditions

- VOs may work a 15 hour day. VOs must be prepared to arrive early to set up the voting station, administer voting for at least 12 hours, and then conduct the initial count of ballots at the close of voting.
- VOs must bring their own non-perishable meals and beverages. VOs may not be able to leave their work stations for meal breaks and no cooking or refrigeration facilities will be supplied.
- As VOs sit for long periods, they should dress comfortably but neatly and may wish to bring a cushion.

Experience and skills required:

- ability to be a non-partisan representative of Elections BC
- basic English literacy and language skills; fluency in a second language may be beneficial
- patience when interacting with a variety of people during a long day
- organizational skills and experience
- ability to understand and follow directions, written instructions or checklists
- excellent verbal communication skills to welcome and provide instructions to voters
- willingness to take responsibility for the ballot box and voting material
- good interpersonal skills to provide customer service and treat voters with respect
- basic numeracy and analytical skills
- good attention to detail

Compensation rates:

- General voting: \$250 per day

Fees shown are total payable for attendance at voting and ballot-counting. Fees include travel time and expenses for collecting and/or delivering election material, up to 64 kms round-trip, to the district electoral office, as required.

- Training allowance: \$15 for online training, \$35 for classroom training — includes first 64 kms of travel (round-trip) to attend the classroom training session

Voting Officer (VO) - Advance / Absentee Voting

Voting Officers (VOs) at an advance and/or absentee voting opportunity are responsible for administering voting at an assigned voting station, using voting technology, issuing ballots to voters, accounting for and securing all voting materials, and conducting initial count at the end of General Voting Day. There is one VO and one Voting Clerk (VC) per voting station.

Duties include:

- setting up the voting station and voting technology
- administering solemn declarations
- checking voter identification
- announcing each voter's name
- registering and updating voter information using voting technology
- issuing ballots and instructing voters on how to mark and fold ballots
- receiving marked ballots from voters
- serving all voters in a friendly and efficient manner
- accounting for ballots and certification envelopes
- considering ballots and counting votes after the close of voting on General Voting Day
- completing initial count reconciliation forms
- reporting results at the close of voting
- returning materials to the District Electoral Officer at the district electoral office

Relationship to other election official roles

- The VO will receive guidance and direction from the Supervisory Voting Officer (SVO) assigned to the voting place. If there is no SVO, the VO may take on additional duties.
- The VO and the VC work as a team to take responsibility for the voting station.
- The VO is accountable to the District and Deputy District Electoral Officers.

Special working conditions

- VOs may work a 14 hour day. VOs must be prepared to arrive early to set up the voting station, and administer voting for at least 12 hours.
- VOs who administer voting at an advance voting opportunity may be required to work for one day or multiple days of voting, and must attend the initial count of votes on General Voting Day.
- VOs must bring their own non-perishable meals and beverages. VOs may not be able to leave their work stations for meal breaks and no cooking or refrigeration facilities will be supplied.
- As VOs sit for long periods, they should dress comfortably but neatly, and may wish to bring a cushion.

Experience and skills required:

- ability to be a non-partisan representative of Elections BC
- basic English literacy and language skills; fluency in a second language may be beneficial
- ability to use a computer and other voting technology to complete duties
- patience when interacting with a variety of people during a long day
- organizational skills and experience
- ability to understand and follow directions, written instructions or checklists
- excellent verbal communication skills to welcome and provide instructions to voters
- willingness to take responsibility for the ballot box and voting material and equipment
- good interpersonal skills to provide customer service and treat voters with respect
- basic numeracy and analytical skills
- good attention to detail

- physical dexterity to search information using computer equipment (keyboard, mouse)

Compensation rates:

- Advance voting: \$250 per day — includes attendance at initial count on General Voting Day
- Absentee voting: \$250 per day

Fees shown are total payable for attendance at voting and ballot-counting. Fees include travel time and expenses for collecting and/or delivering election material, up to 64 kms round-trip, to the district electoral office, as required.

- Training allowance: \$15 for online training, \$35 for classroom training — includes first 64 kms of travel (round-trip) to attend the classroom training session

Voting Clerk (VC)

Voting Clerks (VCs) are responsible for supporting the administration of general, advance, absentee and special voting opportunities. VCs complete and maintain the voting book and other documents, account for and secure all voting materials, and participate in initial count at the end of General Voting Day. There is one VC and one Voting Officer (VO) per voting station or mobile team.

Duties include:

- setting up for voting at a voting station and voting technology (fixed or mobile)
- administering solemn declarations
- ensuring the voting book is appropriately marked and signed by voters
- registering and updating voter information (at certain voting opportunities)
- sorting advance voting certificates and “Where to Vote” cards and filing them in the document envelope
- serving all voters in a friendly and efficient manner
- keeping a record of the votes as they are counted by the Voting Officer (VO)
- returning voting materials to the district electoral office

Relationship to other election official roles

- The VC assists, receives guidance and takes direction from the VO assigned to the voting station and the Supervisory Voting Officer (if one is assigned to the voting place).
- The VC and the VO work as a team.

Special working conditions

- VCs may work a 14 hour day. VCs must be prepared to arrive early to set up the voting station, administer voting for at least 12 hours, and conduct the initial count of ballots at the close of voting.
- VCs who administer special voting at a site-based voting area (SVA), or mobile voting opportunity, may be required to travel from location to location. Individuals may be required to have access to an insured vehicle in good working order to perform this work. Mileage for the performance of duties will be reimbursed in accordance with Elections BC policy.
- VCs who administer voting at an advance voting opportunity may be required to work for either one day or multiple days of voting and attend the initial count of votes on General Voting Day.
- VCs must bring their own non-perishable meals and beverages. VCs may not be able to leave their work stations for meal breaks and no cooking or refrigeration facilities will be supplied.
- As VCs sit for long periods, they should dress comfortably but neatly, and may wish to bring a cushion.

Experience and skills required:

- ability to be a non-partisan representative of Elections BC
- basic English literacy and language skills; fluency in a second language may be beneficial
- patience when interacting with a variety of people during a long day
- organizational skills and experience
- ability to understand and follow directions, written instructions or checklists
- excellent verbal and written communication skills to welcome voters and to record information in the voting book
- willingness to take responsibility for the voting book, voting materials, and equipment
- legible, neat handwriting
- basic numeracy and analytical skills
- good attention to detail

Compensation rates:

- Advance voting: \$250 per day — includes attendance at initial count on General Voting Day
- General voting (includes absentee): \$250 per day
- Special voting (site-based/mobile voting): \$250 per day (Based on a 12-hour day; may be pro-rated, depending on hours worked)

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- Training allowance: \$15 for online training, \$35 for classroom training — includes first 64 kms of travel (round-trip) to attend the classroom training session

Information Officer (IO)

Information Officers (IOs) are responsible for greeting voters, sign placement and efficient direction of people and vehicles at the voting location, and providing information assistance to all voters, especially those with special needs. The IO is the first election official that voters come into contact with when they arrive to vote. Every voter encounters an IO who guides them to the correct voting station or answers their questions. IOs support the Supervisory Voting Officer (SVO) in identifying issues, assisting voters with special needs, and ensuring signage is adequate and visible during the entire voting period.

Duties include:

- setting up the voting place and putting up signs
- determining whether a voter is at their assigned voting place or needs to vote under absentee voting provisions
- providing information to voters about voting and identification requirements
- establishing if a voter needs to register or update their voter record
- directing voters to the appropriate voting station
- respectfully assisting voters with accessibility issues and alerting the appropriate election official to assist
- ensuring no voter wears any political button or badge or carries any political material into the voting place
- ensuring the voting place is clearly identified with signs
- directing parking, if required
- answering questions and serving voters in a friendly and efficient manner
- trouble-shooting voting technology hardware issues

Relationship to other election official roles

- The IO works closely with and receives guidance and direction from the SVO.

Special working conditions:

- Hours of work are long. IOs must be prepared to work a 14 hour day, and for multiple days if working at an advance voting opportunity.
- As the IO may be required to direct traffic in the parking lot or may be located at the entrance to the voting place, individuals working in this role should bring an umbrella, weather-resistant outerwear, and/or sunscreen.
- As this role requires long periods of standing, IOs should wear comfortable, weather-resistant footwear.
- IOs must bring their own non-perishable meals and beverages. IOs may not be able to leave their work stations for meal breaks and no cooking or refrigeration facilities will be supplied.
- The IO's work ends when the voting place closes and the SVO releases the IO, which may be after initial count is complete.

Experience and skills required:

- ability to be a non-partisan representative of Elections BC
- basic English literacy and language skills; fluency in a second language may be beneficial
- knowledge of the local electoral district and its geography
- basic ability to locate residential addresses using maps and other materials provided by Elections BC
- patience when interacting with a variety of people during a long day
- physical ability to stand all day and to work outside if required
- ability to identify and anticipate problems
- excellent interpersonal skills and comfort in working with people
- experience assisting individuals with special needs is an asset
- ability to follow directions

Compensation rates:

- Advance voting: \$215 per day
- General voting: \$215 per day

Fees shown are total payable for attendance at voting. Fees include travel time and expenses for collecting and/or delivering election material, up to 64 kms round-trip, to the district electoral office, as required.

- Training allowance: \$15 for online training, \$35 for classroom training — includes first 64 kms of travel (round-trip) to attend a classroom training session