

TRIVIA CARDS

Primary & Intermediate Level

How old do you have to be to vote in a provincial election?

18 years or older

What does MLA stand for?

Member of the Legislative Assembly

MLAs are elected to make laws for the province. One MLA is elected in each electoral district.

What year was the first provincial general election in B.C. held?

1871

There were 46 candidates and no organized political parties. Less than 3,000 people qualified to vote.

What is the name for a piece of paper used by voters to mark their choice in an election?

Ballot

True or False: Voters are not allowed to get help marking their ballot.

False: Voters can get help if they have a disability or difficulty reading or writing. They can tell the election official at the voting place if they want help.

**True or False: School teachers
were not allowed to vote in the
1870s and 1880s.**

True: In the past, many groups of people were not allowed to vote in provincial elections. Today, people can vote if they are a Canadian citizen, 18 years or older and have lived in B.C. for the six months before the election.

How often are general elections scheduled to take place in B.C.?

- a) Every year
- b) Every two years
- c) Every three years
- d) Every four years

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General elections can happen before a scheduled date if the government calls an election or loses the confidence of the Legislative Assembly.

**During a provincial election, voters
vote for the person that they want
to be the ___ in their electoral
district.**

Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA)

Who does the Lieutenant Governor represent in B.C.?

The Queen: The Lieutenant Governor is the Queen's representative in the province. Before an election, the Lieutenant Governor signs the writs of election (the official documents that tell district electoral officers to hold elections in their electoral districts).

How many people can you choose on your ballot when you vote in a provincial election?

One person

Each voter gets to choose one person (candidate) on the ballot by writing a checkmark or 'x' in the circle beside the person's name.

**What type of box does a voter
put their ballot in after they have
voted?**

Ballot box

A ballot box is a container for marked ballots.

Who is the head of British Columbia's government?

The Premier

The Premier is also a Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA).

What is an election?

An election is when people choose
a person for a position (or job)
by voting.

**What is the word for a person who
is competing in an election or
being considered for a job?**

Candidate

What is voting?

People vote to show which person,
group or idea they support or want by
marking a piece of paper (ballot).

How many Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) were elected in the 2020 Provincial General Election?

- a) 15
- b) 61
- c) 87
- d) 105

c) 87

The province is divided into geographic areas called electoral districts. One MLA is elected in each electoral district. In 2020, there were 87 electoral districts and one MLA was elected in each one.

In what city are the British Columbia Parliament Buildings located?

Victoria, British Columbia

Members of the Legislative Assembly
meet in the Parliament Buildings to
make laws.

Are children allowed in voting places?

Yes

Children are allowed to go into voting places with an adult. However, voters must be 18 years or older to vote in a provincial election.

What organization runs provincial elections in B.C.?

Elections BC

Elections BC runs provincial elections and other electoral events in the province.

**What is the name of the building
where the Members of the
Legislative Assembly meet to
make laws?**

Parliament Buildings

The Parliament Buildings are located
in Victoria, British Columbia.