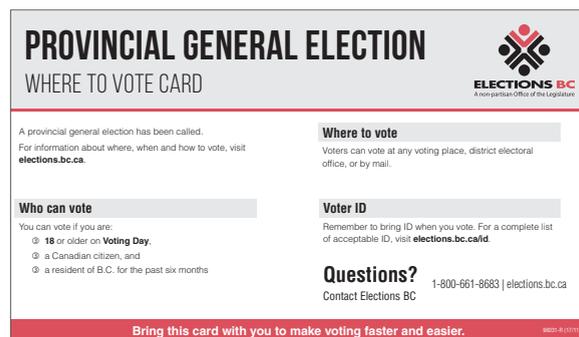


## WHERE CAN I VOTE?

After an election is called, Elections BC publishes voting places and the dates they are open online at [elections.bc.ca](https://elections.bc.ca), in community newspapers and on Where to Vote cards sent to voters. All voters can vote at any voting place in the province.

Voters have an assigned voting place on General Voting Day. Normally it is faster to vote at your assigned voting place, but you can vote at another voting place if it is more convenient to you.



During an election, look for your assigned voting place for General Voting Day on your Where to Vote card, or visit [elections.bc.ca/wtv](https://elections.bc.ca/wtv).

## READY TO VOTE?

- Register to vote or update your information ([elections.bc.ca/ovr](https://elections.bc.ca/ovr))
- Watch for your Where to Vote card after an election is called
- Decide when and where to vote ([elections.bc.ca/wtv](https://elections.bc.ca/wtv))
- Bring acceptable ID ([elections.bc.ca/id](https://elections.bc.ca/id))
- VOTE** and make your voice heard!



I VOTE. 

## QUESTIONS?

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# VOTER'S GUIDE FOR B.C. PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS

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## B.C. PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS

In a provincial election, eligible voters in B.C. vote to elect Members of the Legislative Assembly. Each Member represents an electoral district (also known as a riding or constituency) and has a seat in the provincial Legislature.

Provincial general elections are scheduled to take place on the third Saturday in October every four years. While general elections are scheduled to take place every four years, they can occur before a scheduled date if the government calls an election or loses the confidence of the Legislative Assembly.

## WHO CAN VOTE

You can vote if you are:

- 18 or older on General Voting Day,
- a Canadian citizen, and
- a resident of B.C. for the six months before General Voting Day.

## REGISTER TO VOTE

Before an election is called, register online at [elections.bc.ca/ovr](http://elections.bc.ca/ovr) or by calling 1-800-661-8683. You can also register or update your information when you vote.

## VOTER ID

All voters must show ID to receive a ballot. You can show:

- a BC driver's licence,
- a BC Identification Card (BCID),
- a BC Services Card (with photo), or
- a Certificate of Indian Status.

You can also show two documents, both with your name and at least one with your current home address. Voters without ID can be vouched for. Visit [elections.bc.ca/id](http://elections.bc.ca/id) for more information about vouching and a complete list of acceptable ID.

## NEED HELP VOTING?

All advance voting places are wheelchair accessible. If you can't leave your home or require other assistance to vote, contact us at 1-800-661-8683.

## HOW TO VOTE



### Vote at advance voting

Advance voting is available over six days before General Voting Day from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (local time).



### Vote on General Voting Day

General voting places are open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Pacific time).



### Vote at any district electoral office

From when an election is called until 4 p.m. (Pacific time) on General Voting Day.



### Vote by mail

During an election, request a package at [elections.bc.ca](http://elections.bc.ca), or call 1-800-661-8683. Deadlines apply.

## WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU VOTE

1

At the voting place an election worker will greet you and show you to the right table.



2

At the table show the election workers your ID. Then sign the voting book.



3

The election worker will give you your ballot.



4

Take the ballot behind the voting screen, unfold it, and mark it with an ✕ or ✓. Return your ballot to the election worker.



5

You or the election worker can put your ballot in the ballot box. There! You voted.



## ELECTION CALENDAR

What happens during an election? Follow the timeline below to find out.

**WRIT DAY** is the day the election is called. In a general election, writs are issued for every electoral district. A writ is a formal order to conduct an election.

WRIT DAY

**CANDIDATE NOMINATIONS** close at 1 p.m. (Pacific time) one week after the election is called.

NOMINATIONS CLOSE

There are six days of **ADVANCE VOTING** in provincial elections in B.C. All voters can vote at advance voting.

ADVANCE VOTING

**GENERAL VOTING DAY** for a scheduled provincial general election is the third Saturday in October every four years. Preliminary results are announced after voting closes at 8 p.m. (Pacific time).

GENERAL VOTING DAY

**FINAL COUNT** takes place 13 days after General Voting Day and can take up to three days. Absentee ballots are counted and final results are announced at final count.

FINAL COUNT

**RETURN DAY** is when the writs of election are returned to the Chief Electoral Officer, ending the election period.

RETURN DAY