

BULLETIN

General Voting Day for the 2020 Provincial General Election is Saturday, October 24, 2020. Voting places will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Pacific time).

Elections BC would like to remind advertisers and campaigns of their obligations in relation to voting places.

CAMPAIGNING RESTRICTIONS

Election polls

On General Voting Day, the results of an election opinion poll or survey cannot be published until the close of all voting stations, unless those results were previously made available to the public.

Candidates at voting places

Candidates cannot be at a voting place except to vote. They must vote expeditiously, just like any other voter, and cannot campaign, greet voters, or thank candidate representatives at the voting place.

100 metre rule

Section 234 of the *Election Act* requires that during the campaign period, no election advertising or any material that identifies a candidate, registered political party, or registered constituency association, may be posted, displayed or distributed within 100 metres of a district electoral office, unless by prior authorization of the district electoral officer.

District electoral office locations are available at: elections.bc.ca/deo.

The 100 metre rule also applies to advance and general voting places while voting is taking place. This means that within 100 metres of an advance or general voting place, candidates, supporters, or organizations must not:

- post, display or distribute any election advertising or material that identifies a candidate, registered political party or registered constituency association
- canvass or solicit votes or otherwise attempt to influence how a voter votes
- carry, wear or supply a flag, badge or other item indicating support of a particular candidate or registered political party
- use a loudspeaker or PA system to conduct election advertising within hearing distance of a voting place
- post, display, disseminate or openly leave a representation of a ballot marked for a particular candidate or registered political party

Elections BC's district electoral officers have the authority to remove, cover or obscure any material that contravenes the 100 metre rule.

Following these rules is very important in ensuring that a non-partisan environment is established around voting places.

Contact us

If you have any questions about the 100 metre rule please contact Elections BC at 1-800-661-8683 or Electoral.Finance@elections.bc.ca.

Complaints about campaigning within 100 metres of a voting place should be directed to your local [district electoral officer](#).