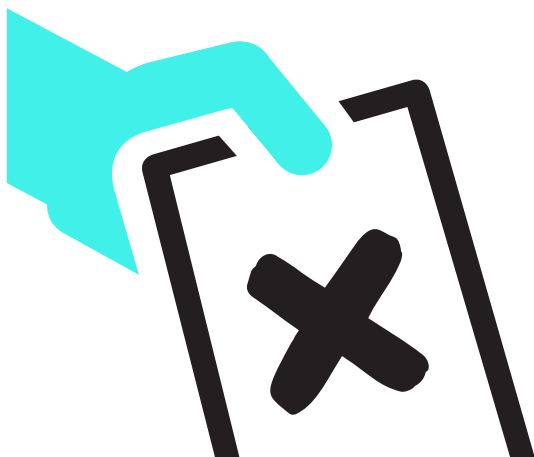


Congratulations on becoming a Canadian citizen. Now you can get ready to vote!



**Citizen Today,
Voter Tomorrow.**



Register to vote

To vote, you must be on the voters list. This list contains the names and addresses of registered voters. It is used to administer elections and to make sure you get a voter information card in the mail when an election is called. The voter information card will tell you when and where to vote.

Three levels of government mean there are three different types of elections and each level of government has its own voters list. To learn how to register to vote :

- in a federal election, contact Elections Canada.
- in an election in British Columbia, you can register online at elections.bc.ca/ovr or by calling **1-800-661-8683**. You can also register or update your information when you vote.

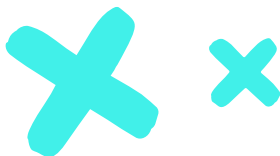
Why vote?

- Canadian citizens who are at least 18 years old have the right to vote.
- All votes are equal—your vote counts as much as the Prime Minister’s vote.
- Voting is a way to participate actively in democracy, and democracy depends on the participation of citizens to thrive.

Who can vote?

You can vote in an election in British Columbia if you are:

- ✘ 18 or older
- ✘ A Canadian citizen
- ✘ A resident of B.C. for the past six months





Get informed before you vote

Elections Canada, Elections BC (elections.bc.ca) and your municipal website are your best sources for information about elections and voting. Visit these websites for information about where to vote, when to vote, how to vote and more.

Talk about your opinions with your friends and family.

Learn about the candidates:

- Attend all-candidate debates.
- Visit candidates' websites.
- Read, watch or listen to the news.

Levels of government

When you vote in a federal, provincial or municipal election, you vote for a representative to make decisions on your community's behalf about the things that level of government is responsible for. Each level of government has several responsibilities. Here are a few examples:

FEDERAL

Airports, citizenship and immigration, defence, passports, postal service

PROVINCIAL/ TERRITORIAL

Driver's licences, education, health care, social assistance, transportation and highways

MUNICIPAL

Fire and police services, garbage collection, libraries, parks, water and sewage



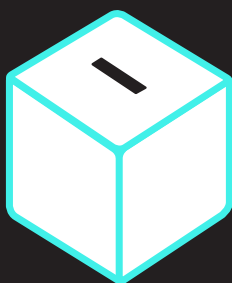
Get involved

There are many ways to get involved in an election. For example, you can run as a candidate or work during an election. There are different positions throughout the election period, and these are paid jobs.

For information about jobs at Elections BC, visit elections.bc.ca/jobs.

Voting in Canada is...

- Free, fair and accessible;
- Protected under the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*;
- Confidential. No one will know whom you voted for;
- Your decision. You alone decide who to vote for.



**Want more
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