

Frequently Asked Questions

Voting

Who is Elections Ontario?

Elections Ontario is an agency of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario. We organize provincial elections fairly and impartially, meaning we do not support or favour any candidate or party.

What is new in the 2018 General Election?

Because the population of Ontario has grown, the province's election maps were re-drawn. There are now more electoral districts. For the 2018 general election, 124 MPPs will be elected to Queen's Park.

This also means that you may now be voting in a new electoral district.

The two electoral districts known as Kenora-Rainy River and Timmins-James Bay have now been divided into four: Kenora-Rainy River, Kiiwetinoong, Mushkegowuk-James Bay and Timmins.

The two new electoral districts of Kiiwetinoong and Mushkegowuk-James Bay were created especially to give voice to the concerns of Indigenous peoples and peoples of Ontario's Far North.

When can I vote?

Election Day is June 7, 2018. On that day, you can vote from **9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. ET / 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. CT**

You can also vote:

- in person at your returning office from **May 10 to June 6**,
- in person at your returning office from **May 26 to June 6** with Assistive Voting Technology,
- in person during advance voting from **May 26 to May 30 from 10:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. (ET)**, or

- by mail. Applications may be submitted from May 10 until 6:00 P.M. ET on June 1. Your marked ballot must be received by Elections Ontario's head office **no later than 6:00 P.M. ET on election day, June 7, 2018.**

Please note that during advance voting, you can vote in any advance poll location in your electoral district.

You can find advance voting locations posted on the Elections Ontario website at elections.on.ca after May 9. Use your postal code to find the advance voting location that works best for you.

You can call your returning office for more information about voting locations once they open on May 9, 2018. You can also visit elections.on.ca or call us to find the phone number of your returning office.

Who can vote?

You are eligible to vote in a provincial election, if you:

- are at least 18 years of age on election day, and
- a Canadian citizen, and
- a resident of Ontario.

How can I vote?

You can show up with suitable ID at the places and times listed above and line up to vote.

If you register to vote by May 29, you will get your Voter Information Card in the mail. Bring this card with you when you go to vote. It helps you get your ballot faster and allows you to bring ID that only has your name on it, since your Voter Information Card proves your address.

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What if I just can't make it out to vote on election day?

If none of the advance voting days work for you, consider voting by mail once an election has been called. You need to complete an application no later than 6:00 PM (Eastern Time) on June 1, 2018 and submit ID such as a driver's license, provincial or territorial ID card, or any government ID with your photo, name and current residential address. For a complete list of acceptable ID, please visit elections.on.ca/id-requirements.

Here is the process:

1. Obtain an application form by:

- download at elections.on.ca,
- email at sb@elections.on.ca,
- visiting your returning office,
- calling toll free in Canada and USA at **1-855-523-5932**,
- calling collect at **1-416-649-1046**, or
- calling TTY toll free at **1-888-292-2312**
- faxing toll free in Canada and USA at **1-888-483-4448**, or
- faxing outside of Canada and USA at **1-416-212-8723**.

2. Complete the application form, scan or photocopy your ID and submit by:

- email to sb@elections.on.ca, or
- mail to:
**Elections Ontario, Special Ballot
51 Rolark Drive
Toronto, Ontario M1R 3B1**; or
- fax to **1-416-212-8723**, or
- fax toll free in Canada and USA at **1-888-483-4448**.

If your application is approved, Elections Ontario will send a special ballot kit to the mailing address on the application. Once the kit has been mailed, you will be unable to choose another voting option, such as voting at an advance poll or in person on election day.

Elections Ontario uses both a courier service and Canada Post's Express Post service so your mailing address must be a physical address for you to receive your ballot within two to three days. If you use a Post Office Box, your ballot may be delayed by up to three weeks.

If you are voting by mail, your marked ballot must be received by Elections Ontario's head office in Toronto **no later than 6:00 P.M. (Eastern Time) on election day, June 7, 2018**.

How do I vote from hospital?

If you are staying at a participating hospital to receive care during a general election, you may be able to vote from May 21 to May 23, 2018. To find out if your hospital participates, please check with your returning office, check elections.on.ca, email us at info@elections.on.ca or call **1.888.668.8683** (TTY: 1.888.292.2312).

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What identification (ID) do I need to bring to vote?

The ID you can use depends on whether your name is on the Voters List or not.

If your name is on the Voters List, you only need to show your Voter Information Card and one piece of ID that has your name on it. If your name is NOT on the Voters List, you must show one piece of ID that has your name and residential address.

Photo ID is NOT required to vote. Also, if you only have an electronic copy of your identification, you may show it on your phone.

You can find a list of ID at elections.on.ca/id-requirements. You can also call us with your ID questions.

Examples of ID you can use include:

- **Certificate of Indian Status (Status Card)**
- **Métis Card**
- **Cards or documents from an Inuit local authority**
- **Gas Card (Certificate of Exemption)**
- **Firearms Licence**
- **Boating Licence**
- **Fishing, Trapping or Hunting Licence or Card**

You can also use:

- Any document issued by the Government of Canada, Ontario or a municipality in Ontario or from an agency of such a government. These include your Ontario Driver's Licence, Ontario Photo Card, Ontario Health Card (with address), Ontario Motor Vehicle Permit and Canadian Passport
- Statement of Government Benefits (child tax benefit, old age security, etc.)
- Ontario Works or other government cheque or cheque stub
- Canadian Forces ID Card
- Veterans Affairs Canada Health Card
- Hospital Card, bracelet or document
- CNIB ID card
- Union Card
- Professional Licence
- Cheque stub, T4 slip or pay receipt issued by an employer
- Bank/Credit Card Statement, Credit/Debit card or cancelled personalized cheque
- Cell phone bill or utility bill
- Student card, School admissions letter, School Transcript/Report Card or School Tuition/Fees Statement

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Other

How can I register?

You can e-register using your phone or computer at elections.on.ca. You can also use a paper form that you can get at elections.on.ca or from your returning office.

If you use e-Registration, you may need to enter two addresses. One address will be where you get your mail and the other will be where you live. The address where you get your mail may be a P.O. Box. If you need to, you can describe the address where you live (such as “first house on the left, just past the bridge”).

If you need help, please visit elections.on.ca or call us.

What if I'm not yet 18?

If you are 16 or 17 years old, you can add yourself to the Ontario Register of Future Voters so that you will be ready to vote once you turn 18. If you are at least 16 years old, you can still get involved by working for the election. These are paid jobs. Visit elections.on.ca to add your name to the Ontario Register of Future Voters or to apply for a job.

How can I work during the election?

Elections Ontario is looking for poll workers to help us deliver the election. You need to be at least 18 years old to apply to most positions, and there are some positions open to 16 year-olds. For details, visit elections.on.ca.

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