

Canada Votes 2021

Election in September

Canada is holding a general election. The election is on September 20.

What are we voting for?

Voters elect 338 Members of Parliament (MPs). Most MPs belong to a political party.

The party with 170 or more elected MPs forms the government.

The leader of the party becomes the Prime Minister.

Why should I vote?

When you vote, you are taking a stand on issues that are important to Canadians.

You are choosing a person or a political party that shares your views on:

- health care
- economy
- education
- environment
- human rights
- security
- taxes

Sometimes a MP wins by only a few votes. Your vote could decide the winner.

Who can vote?

You can vote in this federal election if you:

- are a Canadian citizen
- will be 18 or older on election day
- register to vote in advance or when you go to vote

How to vote

The first thing you need to do is check to see if you are registered to vote. You can check at elections.ca/register. You can also check to make sure your address is correct.

How do I register to vote?

You can register online, by mail or by calling 1-800-463-6868. You will receive a voter information card in the mail. It will tell you where your polling station is.

You can still register at your polling station on Election Day. It just takes a bit longer.

Where do I vote?

Go to your polling station. Polls are open for 12 hours. Bring your government ID with your photo, name and address.

What happens at the polling station?

Election workers will check to see if you are registered. They will check your ID. Then they will write their initials on a ballot. They will fold it and hand it to you.

How do I vote?

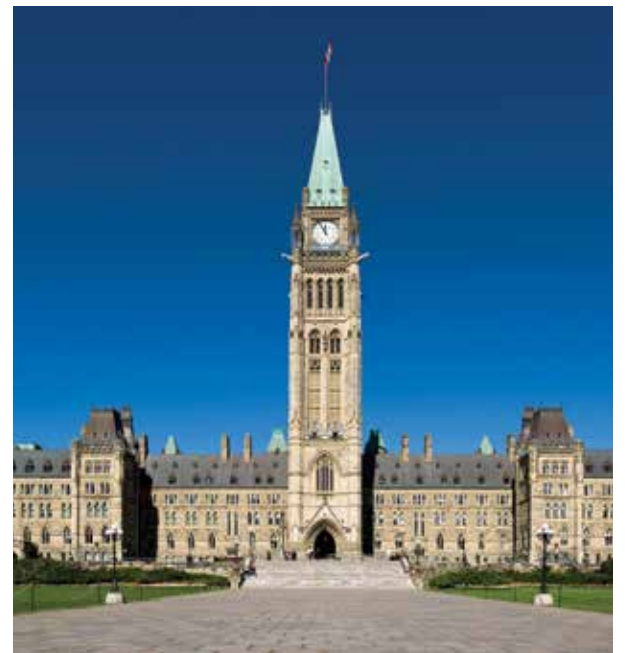
1. Take your ballot behind a voting screen.
2. Mark an X for the candidate you want to elect.
3. Fold your ballot.
4. Give your ballot back to the election worker. They will tear off a tab and give your ballot back to you.
5. Put your ballot in the box.

Congratulations. You just voted!

Learn more at elections.ca

Adapted from *A Guide to Voting: A literacy practitioner workbook for voting in the Canadian Federal Election*

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This is Parliament Hill in Ottawa.



This is a ballot.



This is a polling station.

Did you know?

- You can vote before Election Day. This is called advance voting.
- Your employer must make sure you have three hours off in a row to vote.
- You can ask for an interpreter in your own language to be at the polling station. You must ask before September 14.