



1 **Decide which riding to vote in**

You might call more than one place home – your parents' house, your student residence, your sublet apartment. You can choose which one to use as your address when voting, even if that's not where you'll be on election day. The address you use determines which riding you'll vote in. Your choice may be influenced by which riding is likely to have the closest race, or you may want to pick based on what ID you have.

2 **Register online**

In order to vote, you need to be on the voter's list. Visit elections.ca to check, update or complete your registration online. This is especially important if your address is a P.O. box or rural route. You can also register in person on election day, but it's much easier to do it in advance.

HAVE YOUR SAY!

A guide for youth on how to vote in the 2015 federal election

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VOTE!
 Sign the Voter's Pledge at canadians.org/iwillvote



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Monday, October 19, 2015 is election day – mark your calendar!

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Get the right ID

Even when you're on the voter's list, you still need to prove who you are and where you live.

You have three choices:

A. Show one piece of government-issued ID with your photo, name and address, like a driver's licence. The address on your ID needs to match the address you registered.

B. Show two pieces of ID, one with your name and one with your name and address. The address needs to be the same one you registered. You could use your health card and your bank statement, or your debit card and your phone bill. Get all your bills online? Print a copy or display it on your phone.

C. Show two pieces of ID with your name and bring someone else who will attest to your address. If you don't have any ID with your address on it, a roommate or neighbour can swear that you live where you say you live. That person has to have ID as described in A or B, has to be registered, and has to live in the same polling division as you (check the poll number on the back of your voter information cards to make sure they're the same). They can only attest to the address of one person.

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Find out where to vote

Closer to October 19, you'll receive a voter information card in the mail telling you where and when you can vote (assuming you registered). You can also find this information online at elections.ca. Your polling station will usually be a short distance from where you live. If you live in residence, it might even be on campus.

If you're not going to be near your polling station on election day, that's all right. You can vote at advance polls, at any Elections Canada office or by mail. See details below.

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Vote!

Did you know that by law you're entitled to three consecutive hours away from work to vote? If you're working on election day, your employer might have to give you time off.

The most common way to vote is to go to your polling station during the designated hours on election day.

Examples

ID with your name:

- student ID card
- health card
- Canadian passport
- birth certificate
- credit card
- debit card
- certificate of Canadian citizenship or citizenship card
- social insurance number card
- label on a prescription container

ID with your name and address:

- utility bill
- bank statement, credit union statement or credit card statement
- personal cheque
- government statement of benefits or government cheque
- residential lease or sub-lease
- correspondence issued by your school, college or university
- letter of confirmation of residence from your student residence

For the full list, visit elections.ca

Tips for students

- You can prove your name with your student ID card. You can prove your address with any letter or document issued by your school that shows your address.
- If you live in a student residence, you can ask the residence administrator for a Letter of Confirmation of Residence that says you live there and use it to prove your address.
- **If you want to vote in your home riding, but you'll be at school on election day (or vice versa), you must vote in advance.** If you're home for Thanksgiving, you can vote at an advance poll then – check your voter information card or elections.ca for details. Or use one of the other ways to vote below.

Other ways to vote

- **Vote at advance polls.** There will be four advance voting days starting 10 days before October 19. The advance polls will be open from noon to 8 p.m., and are usually in a central location like a mall. Check elections.ca for details.
- **Vote at any Elections Canada office.** You can vote at any Elections Canada office during their business hours from now until 6 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13. Find the one nearest you at elections.ca.
- **Vote by mail.** Follow the instructions at elections.ca. Don't wait! You need to leave lots of time for mailing.