BC PROVINCIAL ELECTION INFORMATION AND PARTICIPATION GUIDE

Why do we vote?

Voting is a key part of how democracy works in BC. It gives you a chance to have a say in decisions that impact your everyday life.

Am I eligible to vote?

You are eligible to vote in the upcoming election if you are:



18 years of age or older



a Canadian citizen



a BC Resident for the past 6 months

How do I register?

Most Canadians who are eligible to vote are already registered. You can check if you are registered or update your information (such as your address) online at <u>electionsbc.ca</u>. You may also register by phone, mail, or at the polls on voting day - just bring two pieces of identification.

How do I vote?

All Canadians have the option to vote by one of the following methods:



Vote in Advance

Advance polls are open Oct 10-13 & Oct 15-16 from 8am-8pm



Vote by Mail

Order vote-by-mail packages online or by phone until Oct 13. Elections BC must receive your ballot by 8pm on Oct 19th.



Vote on Final Voting Day

Vote at any polling station on Oct 19th from 8am-8pm



Vote at a District Electoral Office

Vote at any district electoral office in BC from now until 4pm on Oct 19th



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How is voting accessible?

Elections BC provides a number of accessible options for voters with disabilities or underlying health conditions.



Assisted telephone voting is available to voters with a visual impairment, disability, or underlying health condition that prevents them from voting independently or that would make it unsafe or impossible to vote. To participate, your voter information must be up to date by Monday October 7th.



You can get **help marking your ballot**. Tell the election official at the voting place if you want help. You can also bring a friend or family member to help you and they will be required to declare they will help based on your wishes.



You may bring your own **assistive/adaptive device** to the voting place to use. There is also an Accessible Voting System at each district electoral office which allows individuals to vote independently.



You are welcome to bring a **translator or interpreter** to assist you. This includes interpreters for sign language, tactile signing, and tracking. They must declare they are able to act as translator and will do the best job they can.



Voters who are blind or partially sighted have access to resources such as a list of candidates in uncontacted **Braille**, Braille ballot templates, and **large print** ballot posters.

Can I vote without a fixed address or identification?

Individuals experiencing homelessness are still eligible to vote. When registering you may use the address of a shelter or hostel. You may have your identity vouched for by another person, such as an adult family member, another registered voter in your electoral district, or by a person with the authority to make personal care decisions for you. Please visit Elections BC for more information.



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