



Voting in Ontario

Your complete guide to voting.



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Play an active role in shaping the future of Ontario.

What is the process?

- › An election begins when the Premier of Ontario decides to call an election.
- › The Lieutenant Governor signs the writ(s) of election, which officially starts the election.
- › Ontario is divided into 124 electoral districts. Candidates in each electoral district register to be on the ballot and begin campaigning.
- › People then vote for their local candidate in their electoral district. The candidate with the most votes in each district becomes its Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP).
- › The political party with the most elected MPPs usually forms the new provincial government.
- › The MPPs meet in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario and make the laws that govern the province.

Who can vote?

To be eligible to vote, you must be:



At least 18 years of age on election day; and



a Canadian citizen; and



a resident of Ontario.

Am I on the voters list?

Yes - You will receive a voter information card (VIC) in the mail that will include when and where to vote.

No - You can add or update your information:

- › online at elections.on.ca; or
- › in person at your returning office; or
- › in person when you go to vote.

You will need one piece of ID showing your name and residential address.

Find examples at elections.on.ca/id-requirements.

How do I vote?

Once an election is called, you will receive your voter information card (VIC) in the mail, telling you when and where to vote. You can vote:



in person on election day



in person at an advance poll



in person at your local returning office



by mail



using assistive voting technology at your local returning office

What happens when you go to vote?

- › Show your ID to a poll official.
- › Receive a ballot with the poll official's initials.
- › Go behind a voting screen and mark your ballot, choosing only one candidate.
- › Give your marked ballot to the poll official to be placed in the ballot box or through a tabulator.
- › Congratulations! You have voted successfully!

What if I'm under 18?

- › If you are 16 or 17 years old and a Canadian citizen and a resident of Ontario, you can add yourself to the **Ontario Register of Future Voters**.
- › Once you turn 18, you will automatically be added to the voters list.

Get vote-ready. elections.on.ca

Visit elections.on.ca for more information.



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