



Voting in Ontario

Your guide to voting in provincial and local elections.



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Play an active role in shaping the future of Ontario.

How does a provincial election work?

- › A provincial election begins when the Premier of Ontario decides to call an election.
- › The Lieutenant Governor signs the writ(s) of election, which officially marks the start of the election.
- › Ontario is divided into 124 electoral districts. Candidates in each electoral district register to be on the ballot and begin campaigning.
- › Electors then vote for the local candidate of their choice in their electoral district. The candidate with the greatest number of votes becomes the Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) for their electoral district.
- › The political party with the greatest number of elected MPPs usually forms the new provincial government.
- › The MPPs meet in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to pass legislation that governs the province.

Who can vote in a provincial election?

To be eligible to vote in a provincial election, you must be:



at least 18 years of age on election day;



a Canadian citizen; and



a resident of Ontario.

Are you registered to vote?

Yes - When a provincial election is called, you will receive a voter information card in the mail, telling you when and where to vote.

No - You can update or add your voter information:

- › online at vReg.RegisterToVoteON.ca;
- › 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 home address in Ontario. Find examples of accepted ID at RegisterToVoteON.ca/IDtoregister.

What are the ways you can vote?

You can vote:



by mail



in person at your returning office



in person at an advance poll



in person on election day



with assistive voting technology at your returning office

How to vote in person

- › Visit an advance poll, your returning office, or your assigned voting location on election day.
- › Show your ID to a poll official to receive a ballot.
- › Go behind a voting screen and mark your X on the ballot, choosing only one candidate.
- › Return your marked ballot to the poll official to be inserted into the ballot box or tabulator.
- › Congratulations! You have successfully voted!

Voting in local elections

Local elections in Ontario include elections for municipal council members, district social services administration board (DSSAB) members, and school board trustees.

Elections Ontario maintains the Register, which allows you to register to vote for both provincial and local elections in Ontario. Visit vReg.RegisterToVoteON.ca to confirm, update or add your information.



Register to Vote

What if I'm under 18?

- › If you are 16 or 17 years old, 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 Register.

Register today to get vote-ready.

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Visit elections.on.ca for more information.