



## VOTING RULES! Grade 10 Addendum

On July 1, 2017 new legislation came into effect and now residents of Ontario, who are 16 and 17 years of age and Canadian citizens, can be included in the Ontario Register of Future Voters (ORFV) established under Section 17.7 (1) of Ontario's Election Act. Personal information included in the ORFV is used by Elections Ontario only for electoral purposes and is not shared with other stakeholders (registered political parties, candidates, or other electoral agencies). When people on the ORFV reach 18 years of age, their information is automatically transferred to the Permanent Register of Electors for Ontario, also known as the Voters List. A person can only add their own name to the ORFV; no one else, not even a parent, can register on behalf of another person.

The lesson plans in *Voting Rules!* and the [Voting PowerPoint presentation](#) were written prior to recent changes in legislation. When using *Voting Rules! Grade 10* please note that an update to Lesson 9: Time to Decide: Election Simulation has been included. *Voting Rules!* will be updated to reflect the recent changes after the June 2018 General Election.

### ***Voting Rules!***

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#### **Grade 10 Tool Kit**

- **Lesson 9: Time to Decide: Election Simulation** (page 55)  
Insert as the 4th sentence in the paragraph beginning "The act of voting is easy.":  
"You don't have to be 18 to get involved in provincial politics. 16 and 17 year-olds can sign up to be on the Ontario Register of Future Voters. This means you will automatically be added to the Voters List when you turn 18."
- **Appendices** (page 77)  
Note that the Notice of Registration Card has been renamed the Voter Information Card, or VIC.  
Insert at the end of the paragraph titled "What To Do":  
"16 and 17 year-olds who are on the Register of Future Voters will automatically receive their Voter Information Card when they turn 18."

### **Voting PowerPoint**

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- Notice of Registration Card info (slide 12) should be explained as:  
"Those who have signed up for the Ontario Register of Future Voters will receive a card with voting information when they turn 18."