Alternative formats available upon request
We make voting easy.
What is an election?
An election allows you to play an active role in shaping democracy.

Canadian citizens can choose their:

Federal government

Provincial governments

Municipal governments
Who can vote?
To be eligible to vote in a provincial election, you must be:

- At least 18 years of age on election day;
- a Canadian citizen;
- a resident of Ontario.
What if I’m not 18 years old?
16 and 17 year-olds can get on the **Ontario Register of Future Voters (ORFV)**.

When you turn 18, you will automatically be added to the voters list.

For more information, go to [elections.on.ca](http://elections.on.ca)
What do I need to know?
› Voting is **private**.

› Every person who is eligible to vote gets only **one vote**.

› Voting is a right guaranteed by the **Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms**.
What’s new?
The 2018 general election was significant for Ontario. We introduced:

- e-Registration
- ePoll Books & Tabulators
- Augmented Reality
- Ontario Register Of Future Voters (ORFV)
- ‘Owen’ Chat Bot
e-Registration

Our online registration tool marked a significant change in how we engaged electors, making it easier for them to register to vote ahead of an election.
ePoll Books & Tabulators

We introduced new tools such as electronic poll books and vote tabulators to make voting and counting results easier and much faster.
Augmented Reality

We used augmented reality technology to gamify learning about elections and draw youth interest through an immersive digital experience.
Ontario Register of Future Voters

The OFRV is a list of eligible future voters who are currently 16 or 17 years old. It gives youth all the tools and channels they need to participate in Ontario’s electoral process.
‘Owen’ Chat Bot

We built a responsive chatbot named Owen (O-N), which gave answers to voters’ election questions in a matter of seconds through an online conversation.
Why voting matters?
Voting gives you the power to:

- Express your opinion
- Participate in our democratic process
- Choose a person to represent you
Can I participate even if I’m not eligible to vote?
There are lots of ways to get involved in Ontario’s elections.

**Learn**
Learn about the candidates, the political parties and the issues

**Run**
Run as a candidate

**Work**
Work for the election

**Volunteer**
Volunteer on a campaign
How do I register to vote or update my information?
Registering or updating your information is easy.

Go to eregistration.elections.on.ca

Are you registered?

Yes
Great! You’re ready to vote in the next election.

No
If you’re not, register online and submit with acceptable ID that shows your name and address.

Later
You can also register at your local returning office during an election, or when you go to vote.

For a full list of acceptable types of ID, go to elections.on.ca/id-requirements
What is a local returning office?
A local returning office is the election headquarters in your community.
Local returning offices provide many services:

- Advance voting
- Special ballot voting
- Assistive voting technology
- Employment opportunities
- Add your name to the voters list
How do I vote?
Once an election is called, and if you are on the voters list, you will receive your **voter information card** (VIC) in the mail, telling you when and where to vote.
Received your VIC in the mail?

Yes

On election day, bring your VIC and one (1) piece of ID that shows your name.

No

On election day, bring one (1) piece of ID that shows your name and residential address.

For a full list of acceptable types of ID, go to elections.on.ca/id-requirements
What should I expect on election day?
On election day

› Go to your voting location.
› Follow the signs.
› Show your ID to a poll official.
› Vote!
Bring your VIC + ID
Or bring ID showing your name and address

- Driver’s licence
- Health card
- Birth certificate
- Canadian passport

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How to mark a ballot

- An election official gives you a ballot, which lists the candidates running in your electoral district.
- Go behind a privacy screen.
- Mark an “X” in the circle beside a candidate’s name on the ballot.
Cancelled ballots

- If you make a mistake, you may return the incorrectly marked ballot to the poll official.

- The poll official will write “cancelled” at the back of the ballot and give you a new one.

- Cancelled ballots are not placed in the ballot box and are not part of the official results.
Declined ballots

- A declined ballot is used by a voter who wishes to participate but does not wish to vote for any of the available candidates.

- To decline your ballot, tell the election official that you are declining your right to vote when they hand you a ballot. This is a public process and is done out loud.

- Declined ballots will be counted after the polls close on election night and included in the official results as “declined ballots”.
Rejected ballots

- A rejected ballot is an incorrectly marked ballot.

- A ballot may be considered rejected if the voter marks it with initials or another identifying mark, or if a voter writes their mark outside the circle beside a candidate’s names.

- Rejected ballots are counted and reported after the polls close on election night and included in the official results as “rejected ballots”.
Elections Ontario provides accessible services for voters at all voting locations, and assistive voting technology in all returning offices.

Voters can also vote by mail or request a home visit for further assistance.

For more information, go to elections.on.ca/en/voting-in-ontario/accessible-voting
When do I vote?
There are many ways you can vote once an election is called.

1) In person on election day.
There are many ways you can vote once an election is called.

2) In person at an **advance poll** for **10 days** before election day.
There are many ways you can vote once an election is called.

3) By **special ballot** for **28 days** before election day.

Learn more about different ways to vote at [elections.on.ca](https://elections.on.ca)
Get vote-ready

Visit elections.on.ca for more information.