

Application to update or add information to the Ontario Register of Absentee Voters



Eligibility & requirements

This application can be submitted by email or mail to update or add your information on the Ontario Register of Absentee Voters. This application only applies to Ontario provincial elections. You can also register at vReg.RegisterToVoteON.ca.

To be eligible for the Ontario Register of Absentee Voters, you must be:

- 18 years of age or older and a Canadian citizen;
- temporarily residing outside of Ontario;
- a resident of Ontario for at least 12 consecutive months before leaving; and
- intent on returning to Ontario.

If you are in one of the following classifications, you are eligible as an absentee voter until you reestablish residence in Ontario:

- On active duty as a member of armed forces of Canada
- In the service of the Government of Ontario
- In the service of the Government of Canada and absent from Canada
- Attending an educational institution
- A family member of one of the above

If you are not in one of the classifications listed above, you are eligible as an absentee voter for two years from the date you left Ontario.

You will need to provide proof of ID (name **and** last home address before leaving Ontario) and occupation or educational attendance, if applicable. The information on your ID must match the information you are submitting.

Please refer to the list of accepted ID and the list of accepted documentation proving occupational status or educational attendance included in this package.

The completed application and a copy of an accepted ID and other documentation, if applicable, can be submitted by:

email: register@elections.on.ca
mail: Register to Vote
26 Prince Andrew Place
Toronto ON M3C 2H4

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Important information

Your last home address in Ontario determines your electoral district while you are added as an absentee voter. Once approved as an absentee voter, you:

- can only vote by mail;
- cannot make any changes to your absentee record starting five weeks before election day;
- will be mailed a voting kit whenever an election is called in your electoral district;
- are responsible for the cost of returning your completed ballot before 6 PM (Eastern Time) on election day; and
- will **not** be automatically added back to the Register once you have resumed residency in Ontario or have exceeded the two-year limit (if applicable).

Elections Ontario is committed to protecting the privacy and security of personal information. Information collected and maintained by Elections Ontario is used for electoral purposes only under the provisions of the *Election Act*.

If you have any questions, please contact us by:

email: register@elections.on.ca

phone: 1.866.242.3025 (8:30 AM to 4:30 PM EST)

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ID requirements for updating or adding your information to the Register of Absentee Voters

To update or add your information to the Register of Absentee Voters, you must include one piece of ID showing both your name **and** Ontario home address. Ontario health cards, citizenship cards or passports do not include your address and are **not** valid ID for registration purposes.

Examples of government-issued ID

- Any document issued by the Government of Canada/ Ontario showing both name and home address
- Ontario driver's licence
- Ontario motor vehicle permit (plate or vehicle portion)
- Ontario photo card
- Property assessment notice from Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC)
- Child tax benefit statement
- Income tax assessment notice
- Social Insurance Number confirmation letter
- Statement of Employment Insurance Benefits Paid T4E
- Statement of Old Age Security T4A (OAS)

Examples of other accepted documents showing both name and home address

- Any document showing both a person's name and home address issued/certified by:
 - a municipality;
 - a government agency;
 - a court in Ontario; or
 - a Band Council in Ontario established under the *Indian Act* (Canada)
- Document showing campus residence issued by the office or officials responsible for student residence at a post-secondary institution
- School admission letter
- School transcript or report card
- Tuition/fees statement
- Bank account or credit card statement
- Cancelled personalized cheque
- Cheque stub, pay receipt or T4 issued by a person's employer
- Insurance statement
- Residential mortgage, lease, or rental statement
- Signed loan or financial agreement with a financial institution
- CNIB card or a card from another registered charitable organization that provides services to persons with disabilities
- Hospital records showing a person's name and home address
- Letter of Confirmation of Residence
- Utility bill (hydro, water, gas, telephone, cable TV, public utilities commission)
- Property tax assessment or bill from a municipality in Ontario

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Proving occupational status or educational attendance

Examples of accepted documents showing occupational status or educational attendance

Proof of occupation for active-duty members of the Canadian Armed Forces	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Canadian Armed Forces ID card (NDI 20)• Temporary ID card (NDI 10)• Any other document from the Canadian Armed Forces proving active service
Proof of occupation for Government of Canada/Ontario employees	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Employment confirmation letter• Government identification card• Diplomatic or special passport• RCMP service identification• Any other document from the Government of Canada/Ontario or its agency proving a person's employment
Proof of attendance of an educational institution	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Course registration• Official enrollment letter or acceptance letter• Student card• Transcript, report card or class schedule• Tuition/fees statement, invoice, or receipt

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Current Information

Last name		First name			
Middle name(s)		Date of birth	Year	Month	Day

Last home address in Ontario

Street number	Street name		Unit #	
City, municipality or town			Postal code	

Mailing address outside of Ontario

Building or organization

Street number	Street name		Unit #	
City, municipality, town or village			Postal code or zip code	
Province, territory, state or district			Country	

Contact information

We may reach out to you regarding your registration information. Your response is appreciated.

Personal email		Work/school email		
Phone number (Ontario)		Phone number (international)		
Preferred language of communication:		English	French	

Alternate contact information for representative or organization (if applicable)

Name of representative/organization

Phone	Email			
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Departure & return dates

I have been absent from Ontario since:			Date I intend to return to Ontario (if known):		
Year	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day

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Classification

Please select the classification that applies to you:

- I am on active military duty as a member of the Canadian Armed Forces
I am in the service of the Government of Ontario
I am in the service of the Government of Canada and absent from Canada
I attend an education institution
OR
I am a family member of an active member of the Canadian Armed Forces
I am a family member of a person in the service of the Government of Ontario
I am a family member of a person in the Government of Canada and absent from Canada
I am a family member of a person attending an education institution

Name of family member: _____

Relationship to the family member: _____

The options listed above do not apply to me; I would like to register with the two-year limit.

Declaration

I request that my information be included on the Ontario Register of Absentee Voters; I have included one piece of accepted ID showing both name and Ontario home address; I have included one piece of accepted ID as proof of occupational status for myself or the individual I have identified as a family member (if applicable); and I am 18 years of age or older and a Canadian citizen; I resided in Ontario for at least 12 consecutive months prior to my departure; my last Ontario residence was in this electoral district; and I intend to reside in Ontario again.

I understand that I will need to reapply to be on the Register once I have resumed residency in Ontario.

I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath.

Signature Year Month Day

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ED # Poll # Elector ID Reference #

Date: Received Year Month Day Processed Year Month Day

Election official Name Signature