

Eligibility & Requirements

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

To be eligible, 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 re-establish 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; or
- 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 documents 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: Elections Ontario
Attention: PREO
51 Rolark Drive
Toronto, ON M1R 3B1

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 transferred to the Register once you have resumed residency in Ontario or have exceeded the two-year limit (if applicable). **You will be responsible for updating your voter information by submitting a new application for the Register (Permanent Register of Electors for Ontario).**

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

If you have any questions, please contact Elections Ontario by:

email: register@elections.on.ca
phone: 1.888.668.8683 (8:30 AM to 4:30 PM)
TTY: 1.888.292.2312

ID requirements for updating or adding your information on 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 showing both your name and home address issued by the Government of Canada/Ontario
- 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 your name and home address issued by:
 - a municipality
 - a government agency
 - or certified by a court in Ontario
 - 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

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

- 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

- 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

- Course registration
- Official enrollment letter or acceptance letter
- Student card
- Transcript, report card or class schedule
- Tuition/fees statement, invoice or receipt

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

Province, Territory, State or District

Country

Postal Code or Zip Code

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

Departure & Return Dates

I have been absent from Ontario since:

Year

Month

Day

Date I intend to return to Ontario (if known):

Year

Month

Day

