



# HOW TO VOTE IN THE FEDERAL ELECTION 2019

## WHY SHOULD YOU VOTE?

Your right to vote is one of the most important rights you have. It is the way you help choose who will represent you in Canada's government.

## WHAT ISSUES ARE IMPORTANT TO YOU?

1. How does each party address Canada's mental health crisis?
2. How does each party support housing for people with disabilities?
3. What is each party's position on employment rights for persons with disabilities?
4. Which parties will allow individuals to have greater flexibility when making withdrawals from their Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP)?
5. Which party will support making the Disability Tax Credit (DTC) refundable?

## HOW DO I VOTE?

You need to register to vote before the election or at the polling station when you go to vote. To register before the election, go to the Online Voter Registration Service on [www.elections.ca](http://www.elections.ca) before October 15, 6:00 PM. Register in person at any Elections Canada office across Canada until October 15, 6:00 PM.



Vote by Mail: You can mail in your vote. Before the election, apply Online or in person at an Elections Canada office across BC before Tuesday, October 15, 6:00 PM.



Vote in Advance: If you would like to vote before October 21 to avoid the crowds, you can vote at your assigned polling station from 9:00AM to 9:00PM from Friday, October 11 to Monday, October 14. You'll find your assigned polling station in the mail, along with your voter's card.



Vote in Person: You can vote at your assigned polling station on Monday October 21, from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. You'll find your assigned polling station in the mail, along with your voter's card. If you don't have this information, call your Elections BC office and ask them where you can vote.



Do you live in a hospital or group home?: Ask your staff if they have set up a mobile polling station where you live.



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## HOW DO I VOTE AT THE POLLING STATION:

1. Bring your ID. See below for options.
2. Someone will give you a piece of paper with the names of all the people you can vote for. This is called a "ballot".
3. Pick one person you want to vote for and put an (x) beside their name. Remember, you can only vote for one person. If you put more than one (x) on your ballot, it will not count.
4. After you mark your ballot, put it in the box.

There are many tools and services available to make it easier to vote. Tools include bigger ballots, tactile and braille voting templates, magnifiers, larger grip pencils, and voting screens that let in more light. Contact 1-800-463-6868 if you need sign language interpretation on election day. Visit [www.elections.ca](http://www.elections.ca) for more information.

## WHAT SHOULD I BRING?

To vote, you have to prove your identity and address:

### **Option 1: Bring your Government Issued ID**

Bring any ID issued by the Canadian government that has your photo, name and current address)

For example: driver's license, passport

### **Option 2: Show 2 pieces of ID**

Both pieces must have your name and one must have your current address.

For example: student ID card, bank statement, utility bill

### **Option 3: If you don't have ID**

You can still vote if you declare your identity and address in writing and have someone who knows you and who is assigned to your polling station to vouch for you.

## TRANSPORTATION

- Ask an friend or person you trust to take you.
- Phone one of your local candidates and tell them you need a ride. You don't have to vote for the person who gave you a ride.

## WHAT IF I NEED HELP WHEN I VOTE?

You can bring someone you trust with you to help you vote. The person has to sign a declaration that they are there to assist the voter with a disability. You can also ask a staff at the polling station to help you.