

Ways to vote

There are different ways to vote in a provincial election:

On election day June 2	Before election day
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ At your voting location 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ At an advance poll ✓ At your local returning office ✓ By mail ✓ Special cases*: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In some hospitals • At home

*Visit Elections Ontario's website at elections.on.ca to learn more about all of the ways to vote.

How do you decide which option is best for you?

Think about:

- **Your schedule:** When is it easiest for you to vote? Remember that by law, your employer needs to give you 3 hours in a row to vote on election day.
- **Your chosen candidate:** Have you already decided who you'll vote for? Or do you want more time to learn about the candidates?
- **Your accessibility needs:** Election workers are there to help you no matter where you vote. They have different accessibility tools and supports to make it easier.
- **If you want to stay away from crowds:** Voting in advance or by mail are good ways to avoid a crowd of people waiting to vote on election day.

How do you know where your voting location is?

It's on your voter information card, which you get in the mail if you're registered to vote. You can also find the location of your voting location by going to elections.on.ca, or calling **1-888-668-8683** (for TTY or teleprinter call **1-888-292-2312**). All you need is your postal code.



To learn more about ways to vote, go to:

FAQs on voting

Learn more about the different ways to vote and what ID you need to bring with you: elections.on.ca

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On election day, most people vote at their voting location. Your voting location is in your neighbourhood, usually a school, community centre, or apartment building. Your voter information card tells you where to find your voting location. All voting locations are open for 12 hours on election day.

You can choose to vote before election day:

 **At an advance poll:** At least one advance poll will be open in your electoral district from May 19 until May 28. You can vote at an advance poll from 10 am until 8 pm. Find out where the advance polls will be on the Elections Ontario website or on your voter information card.



At an Elections Ontario returning office: You can vote here until 6pm on Wednesday June 1, 2022. Most Elections Ontario returning offices are open 9am to 6pm, Monday to Friday.



By mail: See the next page to learn more about voting by mail.



In some hospitals: From May 16-18, if you're in a participating hospital you may be able to vote by special ballot.



In some long term care facilities: If you're in a long term care facility there may be a mobile polling station at your facility. Ask an administrator at your long term care facility to find out if that's an option for you.



At home: If you can't travel to a voting location or mark your ballot because of a disability, Elections Ontario may be able to help you vote from home. The returning officer for your electoral district can help you vote at home. Use Elections Ontario's [Voter Information Service](#) to find the phone number of your returning office.

Plan ahead!

Be sure to plan ahead if you want to vote using one of these options:

- By mail
- In your hospital or long term care facility
- At home

Contact Elections Ontario as soon as the election is called — the earlier, the better! You can phone Elections Ontario toll-free at **1-888-668-8683** (for TTY or teleprinter call **1-888-292-2312**) or visit their website at elections.on.ca.

Voting by mail



If you want to vote by mail, you can order a voting kit from Elections Ontario once the election is called on May 4.

Elections Ontario has to have your application by 6 pm on May 27 for you to get a voting kit. You need to leave enough time for your voting kit to reach you by mail, and for you to mail it back.

There are 3 ways to get a voting kit:

- 1 **Online:** Fill out the online application form at votebymail.elections.on.ca. You will have to upload a picture of your ID as part of the online application form.
- 2 **Email:** Download an application form from elections.on.ca. Fill out the application and email it to sb@elections.on.ca. You also need to send a picture of your ID in the same email with the application.
- 3 **Mail:** Download and print a copy of the application form from elections.on.ca. If you need a paper copy of the application, call 1-888-668-8683 (for TTY or teleprinter call 1-888-292-2312) or visit your returning office for help. Mail your filled out application form and a copy of your ID to the address given on the form.



After your vote by mail application has been approved, you'll get a voting kit in the mail. Follow the instructions in the voting kit. When you're done you can send the kit back by mail or drop it off at your local returning office. Your voting kit will come with an envelope that already has the Elections Ontario return address on it.

Elections Ontario has to get your voting kit back by 6 pm on election day June 2 for your vote to count.