

Post-Secondary Student Voting Guide

Can I vote?

To vote in a provincial election, you must be:

- 18 years of age or older on election day;
- a Canadian citizen; and
- a resident of Ontario.

Am I registered to vote?

If you are 16 or 17 years old, a Canadian citizen, and a resident of Ontario, you can add yourself to the Ontario Register of Future Voters. If you're on this list, you will automatically be registered to vote once you turn 18, which means you will be ready to vote as soon as the next provincial or local election is called. You can confirm, update or add your information at vReg.RegisterToVoteON.ca.

Which address do I use to register and vote?

If you live in two places—one while attending school and another while not in school—you will need to select which address you consider to be your home address when registering. You can confirm, update or add your information at vReg.RegisterToVoteON.ca.

Can I also register for local elections?

Yes, you can register for provincial and local elections, all in one place. Visit vReg.RegisterToVoteON.ca to confirm, update or add your information to the Register for provincial, municipal, district social services administration board (DSSAB), and school board elections.

Where do I vote in a provincial election?

If you are studying in Ontario but living away from home, you can vote in the electoral district of one of the following:

- Your permanent home address
- Your address while attending school

If you are studying outside Ontario, you can vote in one of the following ways:

- [By mail](#)
- By adding yourself to the [Register of Absentee Voters](#)

Being on the Register of Absentee Voters means that you will automatically be sent a [voting kit](#) to vote by mail when an election is called in your electoral district.

During a provincial election, you can find information about when, where and how to vote at voterservices.elections.on.ca.

Which ID do I need to vote in a provincial election?

If you are registered to vote, you will receive a voter information card (VIC) in the mail that you must bring with you, along with one piece of ID showing your name when you go to vote.

You can still vote if you do not receive a VIC, but you must bring one piece of ID showing both your name and home address when you go to vote.

Accepted ID includes an Ontario driver's licence, phone bill, student card, or school transcript, any of which can be shown on a mobile device.

Find more examples of accepted ID at elections.on.ca/IDtovote.

How do I vote by mail in a provincial election?

Submit an application, including ID showing both your name and home address in Ontario. Please note that the ID to apply to vote by mail is different from the ID to vote in person. Find a list of accepted ID at elections.on.ca/IDvotemail.

If you are studying outside Ontario, you can add yourself to the Register of Absentee Voters to receive a voting kit once an election is called in the electoral district in which you are registered to vote.

