


Voting Information for

# New Canadian Citizens





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congratulates you  
on becoming a  
Canadian citizen!



## WHO CAN VOTE?

You can vote if you:

- Are a Canadian citizen;
- Are at least 18 years of age on election day; and
- Have lived in Manitoba for at least six months immediately before election day.

## WHEN CAN I VOTE?

You have a choice:

### **Vote in advance:**

- Advance voting runs for 8 days.
- Visit the website to find your nearest advance polling place.
- You can vote at any advance polling place in Manitoba.

### **Vote on election day:**

- Check your voter information card or visit the website to find out where to vote.

## OTHER WAYS TO VOTE:

### **Vote from home:**

- If you are unable to go to the polling place due to a disability, you can apply for homebound voting. Your caregiver can apply, too.
- Applications are available from Elections Manitoba.

### **Vote from outside Manitoba:**

- If you'll be away during advance voting and on election day, you can apply for absentee voting.
- You must apply by 8:00 p.m. the Saturday before election day, but try to apply sooner so you will receive your ballot kit in time.

### **Vote in the hospital or other care facility:**

- Polls will be set up in hospitals and other care facilities on election day.

## HOW DO I REGISTER TO VOTE?

- Visit the online voter registration service at [electionsmanitoba.ca](https://electionsmanitoba.ca), or
- Call 204-815-2996, toll-free 1-866-339-4870

### **If you're registered, you can vote.**

- You'll receive a voter information card in the mail when the election is called.
- The voter information card tells you where and when you can vote.
- Bring your voter information card with you to vote.

If you're not registered or you've moved, you can still vote.

## ID TO VOTE

### **Everyone must show ID to vote, either:**

- One piece of government-issued photo ID, like a driver's license OR:
- Two other pieces of ID, like a health card, utility bill, bank or debit card.

Your voter information card can be used as one piece of ID. Many other forms of ID are acceptable. Visit [electionsmanitoba.ca](https://electionsmanitoba.ca) to see a complete list.

# **VOUCHING**

- If you are registered to vote, but don't have ID, another voter from your electoral division with ID may vouch for you. Vouching is only permitted on election day, not for advance voting.

# **WHY VOTE?**

- Voting is the democratic right of all eligible voters.
- Voting is a way to participate actively in democracy.
- Voting is an opportunity to help shape your community.

# **VOTING IN MANITOBA IS:**

- free, fair, safe and accessible
- protected under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms
- your decision
- secret

## LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT:

- Three levels of government mean there are three different types of elections: federal, provincial and municipal.
- Each level of government has different responsibilities. Here are some examples:

Federal	Provincial	Municipal
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Defence</li><li>• Income tax</li><li>• Airports</li><li>• Citizenship and immigration</li><li>• Passports</li><li>• Postal service</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Health care</li><li>• Education</li><li>• Transportation and highways</li><li>• Driver's licences</li><li>• Social assistance</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Garbage collection</li><li>• Water and sewage</li><li>• Fire and police services</li><li>• Parks</li><li>• Libraries</li></ul>

## WHO CAN I VOTE FOR?

- Manitoba is divided into 57 areas or electoral division. You vote for the candidate you choose in your electoral division.
- The candidate with the most votes in your division becomes your Member of the Legislative Assembly.
- To find out which electoral division you live in and who the candidates are, visit [electionsmanitoba.ca](http://electionsmanitoba.ca) or contact us.
- The names of candidates you can vote for will be listed on the ballot.

## CAN I WORK THE ELECTION?

Elections Manitoba hires staff to work before and during elections. Jobs are paid and paid training is provided. Find out more at [electionsmanitoba.ca](http://electionsmanitoba.ca).



## WHEN YOU VOTE, BRING YOUR CHILD.

Kids get an official future voter sticker!

### CONTACT:

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