

Elections Canada -Voting by Mail

When you vote by mail, you vote by special ballot.

Step 1: Apply to vote by mail as soon as possible.

Your local Elections Canada office must receive your completed online or in-person special ballot application by the deadline: **Tuesday, September 14, 6:00 p.m. local time.**

<https://www.elections.ca/content2.aspx?section=vote&dir=app&document=index&lang=e>

Step 2: Once you have applied to vote by mail and Elections Canada have approved your application, Elections Canada mail you a **special ballot voting kit** that includes everything you need to vote.

Step 3: You fill out your ballot and mail it back to Elections Canada using a pre-addressed return envelope with prepaid postage.

Your ballot must be returned by election day Monday September 20, 2021.

How to apply to vote by special ballot¹

This section is for electors residing in Canada and who will be in their riding when they submit their application to [vote by special ballot](#).

You can [apply online](#) or by [submitting your application at your local Elections Canada office](#).

1. Prepare your proof of ID and address

2. Apply online

<https://ereg.elections.ca/CWelcome.aspx?lang=e>

or

3. at a local Elections Canada office

https://www.elections.ca/vote/app/local_e.pdf

Should I vote by mail?

We know many voters are asking themselves this question. This is a different election, and your voting experience will be different. If you are considering voting by mail, here is what you should know:

¹ <https://www.elections.ca/content2.aspx?section=vote&dir=app&document=page-d3&lang=e>

- Voting at advance or election day polls is still the simplest and most efficient option. Several health and safety measures are in place at each polling location to keep you safe.
- If you want to vote by mail, plan early. Deadlines apply, and you must allow enough time for your special ballot voting kit to reach you and for you to return your marked ballot to Elections Canada by election day.
- **Once your application to vote by mail is approved, you can't change your mind and vote at advance polls or on election day.**
- Your ballot is your responsibility. If you need help returning your ballot, seal your ballot kit envelopes and choose someone you know and trust.