

WHY VOTING IN FEDERAL ELECTIONS MATTERS

Youth, newcomers, and individuals with low incomes often don't participate in elections, despite having the right to vote. It doesn't have to be this way.

Not voting means your priorities aren't getting the attention of the government.

If we want more resources for community services, voting will help!

Take this short quiz to learn about voting and why it matters.

1) DOES EVERY VOTE REALLY COUNT?

Q: Guess how many federal ridings were decided by a margin of 4% or less in the last federal election?

A: In the last federal election, more than half a dozen ridings in the GTA alone were decided by just 4% or less of the vote. Every vote truly makes a difference!

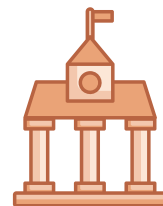
2) WHY SHOULD YOU CARE ABOUT FEDERAL ELECTIONS?

People are often unaware of how much federal government decisions impact their daily lives.

Q: Canada has federal, provincial, and municipal governments. Which level do you think affects your day-to-day life the most?

A: The federal government makes decisions that shape the big picture and those choices show up in your everyday life through things like:

- Immigration and Citizenship
- Affordable Housing
- Indigenous Services
- Federal Taxes and Budget
- National Defence
- Climate Policy
- Foreign Policy
- Policing and Public Safety



By voting in federal elections, you help ensure that your priorities and those of your community are heard and represented, shaping the future of the place you call home.

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3) HOW EASY IS IT TO VOTE?

Take a short pop quiz to find out how easy it is to vote.



1) How long does Elections Canada say it takes to vote in an election?

- a) Under 5 minutes b) Under 15 minutes c) About 30 minutes d) More than an hour

Answer: A - On average, it takes about 5 minutes to wait and fill out the ballot.

2) What percentage of people found it easy to vote according to the Elections Canada study?

- a) 50% b) 75% c) 90% d) 98%

Answer: D - More than 80% found it very easy.

3) What else do you need to vote for besides being over 18 and a Canadian citizen?

- a) Be on the voter's list b) Have a voting card c) Have a government ID
d) Have anything that shows your name and address in Canada.

Answer: D - Being on the voter's list and having a voting card is not mandatory.

To vote, you can show any document issued by the government or a corporation that shows your address. A piece of mail, a credit card statement, a mortgage or rental agreement, an insurance statement, or a utility bill.



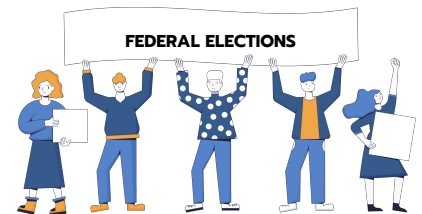
List of Accepted IDs

4) When are you able to cast a ballot in the next election?

- a) Election day on April 28th from 9 AM - 9 PM
b) During advance polls on April 18th, 19th, 20th, and 21st, from 9 AM to 9 PM EST.
c) By mail, if you register by April 22nd by 6 PM EST
d) All of the above

Answer: D - Voters have many choices about when to vote.

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