

information for students on provincial elections



## Who Can Participate?

You are eligible to have your name added to the List of Electors and vote in a provincial election if you are:

- a Canadian Citizen,
- at least 18 years of age, and
- ordinarily resident in Alberta for at least six months immediately prior to the election.

How Can I Add My Name To The List Of Electors?

We recommend you add your name to the List of Electors online, at any time prior to January of an election year, using <u>www.voterlink.ab.ca</u>. It is secure and easy. All you need is your driver's licence or Alberta identification card. The voting process is much quicker if you are added in advance!

You may also add your name to the List of Electors:

- at the advance polls or on polling day by completing a declaration and producing government-issued identification (like a driver's licence), or by producing two pieces of identification authorized by the Chief Electoral Officer
- prior to advance polls by completing an enumeration record during the revision period in the office of the returning officer where you are ordinarily resident

## Where Do I Vote?

You must vote in the electoral division and polling subdivision where you are ordinarily resident.

Where Is My Place Of Ordinary Residence?

A Student Studying Outside Of Alberta If you have left your residence in Alberta to study at an educational institution outside of the province, your ordinary residence is the place where you were resident immediately before commencing your studies.

## A Student Studying In Alberta

If you have left your ordinary residence in Alberta to study at an educational institution elsewhere in Alberta, you may, while pursuing your studies, consider one of the following as your ordinary residence;

-the place where you were previously resident before pursuing your studies; **or** 

-the place where you are resident while pursuing your studies

Out Of Province Student Studying In Alberta

If you have left your residence in a province or territory other than Alberta to study at an educational institution in Alberta, you are considered to be ordinarily resident in the place where you are residing in Alberta.

**Note:** Where applicable, these three residency provisions for students also apply to the spouse, adult interdependent partner or dependant(s) of the student.

These are typical examples of student electors who are away from their place of ordinary residence:

- A student from Red Deer who is attending university in Victoria, and living in residence there, who ordinarily resides in Red Deer, would be eligible to vote in Red Deer.
- A student from Edmonton who is attending university in Calgary and living in residence there, would be eligible to vote in either Calgary or Edmonton, depending on the city which the student deems to be his or her place of residence.
- A student from Montreal who is attending college in Olds and who has been living in Alberta for at least six months, would be eligible to vote in Olds.

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Who is responsible for deciding ordinary residence?

You, the student, are responsible for determining which of the above three categories fits your situation.

If you wish to add your name to the List of Electors, you will be required to sign a legal declaration stating your place of ordinary residence. A person who signs a false declaration under the *Election Act* commits an offence and is liable to a fine or imprisonment.

How do I vote if I am away from my place of ordinary residence?

During the election period, the returning officer of your electoral division will mail you a Special Ballot package on request. It is your responsibility to return the Special Ballot by the close of polls on polling day.

## **Identification Requirements**

An elector whose name is not on the List of Electors, and who is unable to produce government-issued identification showing his or her photograph, name and current address, must produce two pieces of identification from the following list prior to voting. Both pieces of identification must establish the elector's name. One piece must establish the elector's current address. A complete list appears on our website at www.elections.ab.ca. **Examples of Identification with Elector's Name** 

- Alberta Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) card
- Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan (AHCIP) card
- Birth Certificate
- Canadian Blood Services card
- Canadian Passport
- 😣 Citizenship card
- 😣 Credit/Debit card
- Employee/Staff card
- 🧕 Library card
- Public Transportation card
- 🥺 Social Insurance Number card
- 😣 Student ID card

Examples of Identification with Elector's Name and Address

- Attestation of Residence issued by the landlord of a commercial property management company
- Bank/credit card statement or personal cheque
- Correspondence issued by an educational institution
- Government cheque or cheque stub
- Income/property tax assessment notice
- Residential lease or mortgage statement
- Utility bill: E.g. Telephone, public utilities commission, television, hydro, gas or water
- Vehicle ownership or Insurance certificate