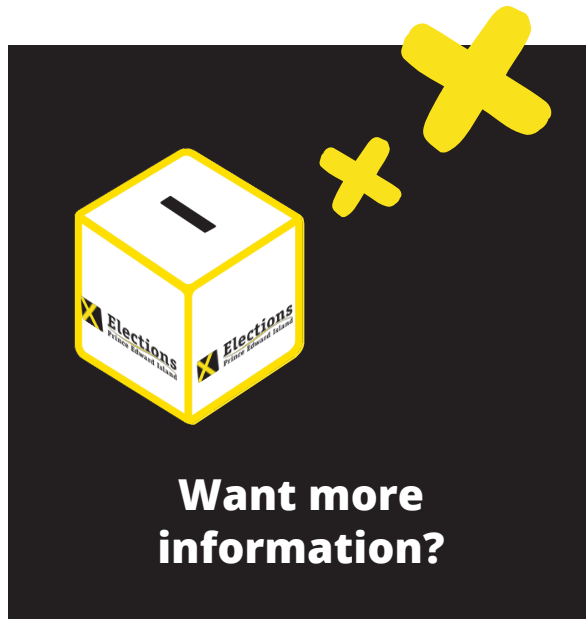


Why vote?

- Canadian citizens who are at least 18 years old have the right and responsibility to vote.
- All votes are equal—your vote counts as much as the Prime Minister's vote.
- Voting is a way to participate actively in democracy, and democracy depends on the participation of citizens to thrive.



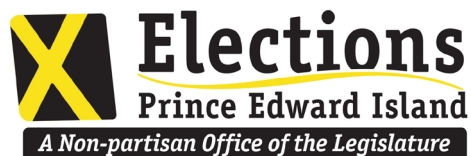
Congratulations on becoming a Canadian citizen. Now you can get ready to vote!



Who can vote?

You can vote in an election in Prince Edward Island if you are:

- ✕ 18 or older
- ✕ A Canadian citizen
- ✕ Lived in PEI for 6 months preceeding date of writ
- ✕ A resident of the district on date of writ where you plan to vote



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Register to vote

To vote, you must be on the voters list. This list contains the names and addresses of registered voters. It is used to administer elections and to make sure you get a voter information card in the mail when an election is called. The voter information card will tell you when and where to vote.

Three levels of government mean there are three different types of elections and each level of government has its own voters list. To learn how to register to vote :

- in a federal election, contact Elections Canada.
- in an election in Prince Edward Island
Visit www.electionspei.ca,
email registration@electionspei.ca
Call Toll Free 1-888-234-8683 (vote)



Get informed before you vote

Elections Canada, Elections PEI and your municipal website are your best sources for information about elections and voting. Visit these websites for information about where to vote, when to vote, how to vote and more.

Talk about your opinions with your friends and family.

Learn about the candidates:

- Attend all-candidate debates.
- Visit candidates' websites.
- Read, watch or listen to the news.

Levels of government

When you vote in a federal, provincial or municipal election, you vote for a representative to make decisions on your community's behalf about the things that level of government is responsible for. Each level of government has several responsibilities. Here are a few examples:

FEDERAL

Airports, citizenship and immigration, defence, passports, postal service

PROVINCIAL/ TERRITORIAL

Driver's licences, education, health care, social assistance, transportation and highways

MUNICIPAL

Fire and police services, garbage collection, libraries, parks, water and sewage



Get involved

There are many ways to get involved in an election. For example, you can run as a candidate or work during an election. There are different positions throughout the election period, and these are paid jobs.

More information on how to participate is available closer to when an election is called. Please contact us or visit our website to learn more.

Voting in Canada is...

- Free, fair and accessible;
- Protected under the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*;
- Confidential. No one will know whom you voted for;
- Your decision. You alone decide who to vote for.

Congratulations on becoming a Canadian citizen!

As the Chief Electoral Officers of Canada and Prince Edward Island, we encourage you to celebrate this event with pride. We salute all the efforts you invested in reaching this major milestone, which will allow you to benefit from the rights and responsibilities given to all Canadian citizens.

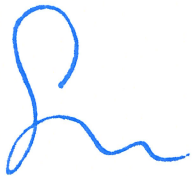
One of the key rights and privileges that comes with citizenship is the right to vote in different elections. This right is protected by the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* because it is so critical to our social, civic and democratic health.

Voting allows you to voice your opinion on who you would like to represent you in the Parliament of Canada, in your provincial legislature and your municipal councils. As a Canadian citizen, you are also able to run as a candidate for these important positions. You can also work at an election.

We warmly invite you to take part in the democratic life of your community and to exercise your right to vote every time you have the opportunity. Every vote counts! Your first step is to register to vote, which you can do now. You can register by contacting Elections Canada to vote in a federal election and Elections PEI to vote in a provincial election. Once you are registered to vote and on the voters list, you will receive a voter information card in the mail when an election is called, which will tell you when and where you can vote.

Please allow us to once again congratulate you on becoming a citizen of Canada and wish you all the best for your future. We sincerely hope that this society, in which your voice counts and democratic values are cherished, will serve as an inspiration to you while encouraging you to exercise your citizenship to the fullest.

Yours sincerely,

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Chief Electoral Officer of Canada

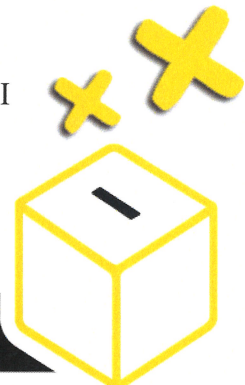
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Toutes nos félicitations! Vous venez d'obtenir la citoyenneté canadienne.

À titre de directeurs généraux des élections du Canada et de l'Île-du-Prince-Édouard, nous vous invitons à célébrer cet événement avec fierté. Nous saluons tous les efforts que vous avez investis pour franchir cette importante étape qui vous permettra de bénéficier des droits et des responsabilités conférés à toutes les citoyennes et à tous les citoyens du Canada.

L'un des principaux droits et privilèges liés à l'obtention de la citoyenneté canadienne est le droit de voter aux différentes élections. Ce droit est protégé par la *Charte canadienne des droits et libertés*, parce qu'il s'agit d'un élément fondamental du processus démocratique de notre pays.

Les élections vous permettent de participer au choix des personnes qui vous représenteront au Parlement du Canada, à l'Assemblée législative de votre province ou encore à votre conseil municipal. En tant que citoyen canadien ou citoyenne canadienne, vous pouvez même vous présenter comme candidate ou candidat ou encore travailler à une élection.

Nous vous encourageons à participer à la vie démocratique de votre milieu et à exercer votre droit de vote chaque fois que vous en aurez l'occasion. Chaque vote compte! La première étape à franchir consiste à vous inscrire pour voter, ce que vous pouvez faire dès maintenant auprès d'Élections Canada pour voter dans une élection fédérale et Élections Î.-P.-É. afin de voter dans une élection provinciale. Une fois inscrit sur la liste électorale, vous recevrez par la poste une carte d'information de l'électeur, lors du déclenchement d'une élection, qui vous indiquera où et quand vous pourrez voter.

Permettez-nous encore une fois de vous féliciter et de vous souhaiter tout le succès possible dans la suite de votre parcours. Nous espérons sincèrement que cette société, dans laquelle votre voix compte et les valeurs démocratiques rayonnent, vous inspire et vous incite à exercer pleinement votre citoyenneté.

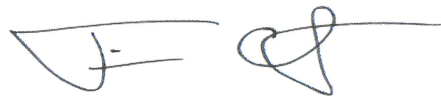
Cordialement,

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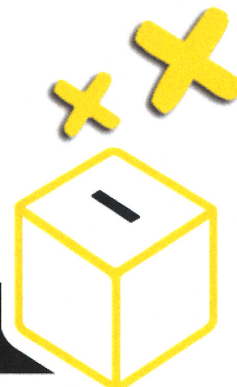
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Citoyen aujourd'hui, électeur demain.