

GENERAL OR BY-ELECTIONS IN QUÉBEC

VOTER'S MANUAL



LE DIRECTEUR GÉNÉRAL
DES ÉLECTIONS DU QUÉBEC

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THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER OF QUÉBEC WOULD LIKE TO INFORM YOU ABOUT YOUR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

CAN YOU VOTE?

To vote, **you must be entered on the list of electors at the correct address** and meet the following conditions on polling day. You must be:

- 18 years of age or over;
- a Canadian citizen; and
- domiciled in Québec for at least the past six months.

Is your name registered on the list of electors?

You can check this by consulting the notice that you receive at home

Check carefully! It's your responsibility. If you are not registered on the list of electors, you will not be able to vote.

Your name isn't registered?

You've noticed a mistake?

You're moving?

Go to the revision office and file an application to be registered on or to correct the list of electors. A parent, your spouse or a person living with you can apply on your behalf.

To register, you must provide two identity papers.

The first must indicate **your name** and **your date of birth** (e.g.: a birth certificate, a health insurance card or a passport), while the second must include **your name** and **your address** (e.g.: a driver's licence, a telephone bill or an electricity bill).

Where is the revision office?

The address, business days and business hours of your revision office are indicated on the other side of the notice that you will receive at home.

You need more time?

The revision period is over and you want to apply to be registered on or to correct the list of electors? Contact your returning officer. You will be told the dates of the special revision period and where you will have to go to file your application. During this period, **the elector** must file an application **on his own behalf**.

ATTENTION: If you register on the list of electors during the special revision period, you are allowed to vote only on polling days at the office of the returning officer or on the actual polling day itself.

WHERE AND WHEN DO YOU VOTE?

At your domicile, you will receive a reminder card providing the information that you require in order to vote on polling day, along with the names of the candidates in your electoral division.

You're unable to vote on polling day? You have a number of options!

- You may vote in an advance poll. Consult the notice that you received to find out the address, opening days and opening hours of your advance polling station.
- You may vote at the office of the returning officer on the days set aside for this purpose, during the opening hours appearing on the notice that you will receive. Ask your returning officer or visit our website to find out the office that you've been assigned.
- If you are temporarily residing in an electoral division other than the electoral division of your domicile during polling days, you may vote at the office of the returning officer in this electoral division, on the days set aside for this purpose. You will vote for a candidate from the electoral division of your domicile.

SOMETHING NEW during a general election only: If you are a student at a college, university or vocational education centre, you may be able to exercise your right to vote on the premises of your educational institution on the days set aside for this purpose. You will vote for a candidate from the electoral division of your domicile. Visit our website or contact the returning officer of the electoral division where you are studying to see whether there will be a polling station at your institution, or for any further information.

Important!

To vote, you will have to identify yourself by presenting one of the following documents:

- your Québec health insurance card;
- your Québec driver's licence;
- your Canadian passport;
- your certificate of Indian status; or
- your Canadian Forces Identification Card.

Are there other ways of exercising your right to vote?

Yes! There are special measures for:

- individuals temporarily absent from Québec;
- individuals unable to leave their domicile for health reasons and their caregivers domiciled at the same address; and
- individuals lodged or domiciled in a hospital, a long-term housing and care centre, a rehabilitation centre, or certain residences for the elderly.


You know anyone in one of these situations?

Inform them as soon as possible, since applications for registration must be received early in the election period.

Four hours to vote, it's your right!

On polling day, your employer must grant you at least four consecutive hours when polling stations are open to go and vote. This does not include the time normally allowed for meals.

If you have particular difficulties...

-  Most polling stations are handicapped-accessible. Moreover, polling station staff will provide any necessary assistance.

Contributions and election expenses

An elector only may contribute a maximum of \$100 per year to each party, to Members of the National Assembly, or to authorized independent candidates. However, during an election period, it is possible to contribute up to an additional \$100.

In addition, the elector must sign a contribution slip confirming that his or her contribution has been made voluntarily, without compensation or consideration, and that it will not be reimbursed in any way.

Election expenses are limited, and a report detailing all expenses must be submitted to the Chief Electoral Officer.


ANY QUESTIONS?

Visit our website at electionsquebec.qc.ca

Enter your postal code and you will discover a wealth of information concerning the event in progress, including the address of revision offices and polling stations, the list of candidates, and much more.

You may contact us at:

- 1-888-ELECTION (1-888-353-2846)
- info@electionsquebec.qc.ca
- The Chief Electoral Officer of Québec
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 TDD Deaf or hard of hearing people may call toll free at 1-800-537-0644.



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