

VOTING IN PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS

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Provincial Elections

In New Brunswick, provincial elections have a fixed date and are held every four years on the fourth Monday of September to elect Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLA's). People vote by marking their choice on a ballot listing the candidates for the electoral district where the voter lives. After all of the ballots are counted, the candidate with the most votes is declared the elected MLA.

Qualifications to Vote

A person is qualified to vote in a provincial election if he or she:

- is a Canadian citizen;
- will be eighteen years of age on or before polling day;
- has been or will have been a resident in the Province for a period of at least 40 days immediately before the election; and
- will be living in the electoral district on Election Day.

Voters List

If you have voted in previous elections in NB you are likely already on the voters list. To get added to the voters list you must first meet the qualifications to vote and provide one or more pieces of ID that between them show your name, current address and signature. **(A New Brunswick driver's license contains all three and is the ideal piece of identification).**

Other options may include:

- lease agreements,
- utility bills,
- student IDs,
- other documentation that provides the above three requirements, or having a friend already on the voters list vouch for your residency.

If you need to add your name, correct or update your personal information, you may contact the local Returning Office or you can make the change when you go to the polls to vote. You can also call Elections NB to update your personal information.

Everyone who is on the voters list is mailed a Voter Information Card before the election telling them the address of their polling station as well as the dates and times of advance and ordinary polling.

Young Voters

Many youth are away from where they would ordinarily live, either working or attending school, and want to know if they can still vote in a New Brunswick provincial election. Students have the option to vote for a candidate in the electoral district where they normally reside, or for a candidate in the electoral district where they live while attending school. They must have lived in the province for forty days prior to Election Day, and must also meet the standard qualifications to vote.

Accommodation and Accessibility

Elections NB strives to ensure that the buildings it uses during elections are accessible and can accommodate the needs of voters with various challenges. We provide various supports at our Returning Offices and at the polling stations to assist and encourage electors with special needs to vote. We have introduced a number of technical solutions that provide additional voting options.

Tools for accommodation include:

- Audio Vote with Braille and sip & puff option
- Sign language interpretation
- Magnifiers
- Braille ballot fascimiles

Special Ballots

Special Ballots are a means for electors to cast a ballot if they are unable to vote during the advance polls or on Election Day. Special Voting Officers can bring ballots to those electors who are unable to attend the ordinary or advance polls due to illness or incapacity.

A voter from one electoral district can also use a Special Ballot to vote from elsewhere in the province for a candidate in the place where they normally live. Special Ballots are also used for electors who are in nursing homes, special care homes, federal or provincial correctional facilities, patients in the hospital, or electors unable to leave their homes because of illness or incapacity.

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