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What to Expect When You’re Electing

The federal election is next week on October 21. If you’re a Canadian citizen who will be at least 18 years old on that day, you can vote. You will cast a ballot to choose the Member of Parliament (MP) for your local constituency. For more information about MPs and what they do, see our first explainer.

If you didn’t receive a Voter Information Card, then you might not be registered. But that’s okay—you can vote even if you’re not registered in advance. Find your constituency and polling station online at elections.ca and bring the right ID with you when you go to vote.

You have three options to prove your identity (who you are) and residence (where you live):

- Government photo ID - either your current address or your passport
- Two pieces of ID or documentation (both with your name, and at least one with your address)
- Government photo ID (along with photo identification), but having it is not a requirement to vote.