

Elections Ontario Vote Barriers-What's New?

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1. Elections Ontario created the **Elections Ontario app** to make it even easier for voters to find information about voting in a provincial election and keep their voter registration up to date. The app has been designed to comply with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act and to be compatible with assistive technologies
2. The **Certificate of Identity and Residence** is provided to electors without a fixed address as their proof of ID. Many of you also know this form as EO824. If you require a printable pdf version of this form, we can provide one to you!
The elector and an authorized signatory from a shelter, food bank or health centre complete the form and the elector brings it to their voting location. The Certificate of Identity and Residence can be used to vote at the local returning office, at advance polls and at the voting location assigned to the address provided on the form.
The authorized signatory can look up the applicable voting locations for their address on the Elections Ontario website at voterinformationservice.elections.on.ca and write them on the first line of the form.
Once the polling station confirms that the form has been signed by an authorized signatory, they give the elector a ballot and the elector votes.
3. The **Ontario Register of Future Voters** is a list of eligible future voters who are currently 16 or 17 years old.
If they go to eRegistration and enter their age, they will be provided with the option to add their name to the ORFV. Then, when they turn 18, they will automatically be added to the voters list.
If a young voter has turned 18 and is living away from home while attending school they have two options for where to vote: either at the electoral district for their home address, or for their home away from home address.
To check the address that Elections Ontario holds for them, students should visit eRegistration and update it accordingly depending on where they want to vote.
4. There are resources for those who may need information about **voting in another language**.
At every polling station, there is a "Mark Your Ballot" guide with information about how to cast your ballot in 38 languages.
There are also helpful resources on the Elections Ontario website about how to mark your ballot and accepted ID you must provide to vote.
[Note for reference, the languages for our website resources include: Arabic, Armenian, Bengali, Chinese (Simplified), Chinese (Traditional), Cree, Croatian, Dutch, English, French, German, Greek, Gujarati, Hebrew, Hindi, Hungarian, Italian, Japanese,

Korean, Macedonian, Mohawk, Ojibway, Oji-Cree, Pashto, Persian, Polish, Portuguese, Punjabi, Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Spanish, Tagalog, Tamil, Turkish, Ukrainian, Urdu, and Vietnamese.]

5. Elections Ontario provides accessible services for voters at all voting locations, and **Assistive Voting Technology or AVT** in all returning offices. Voters can also vote by mail or request a home visit.

Elections Ontario works to ensure voting locations meet our site accessibility standards, where possible. An asterisk next to a voting location on the voter information card or in Voter Information Service lets you know if there are any accessibility barriers at that location.

More information is available at elections.on.ca/accessible-voting but let me take you through the key points.

For more information, visit elections.on.ca or contact:

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