



**You need  
identification  
to vote.**



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# Provincial Voter Identification Requirements

## Voters must prove their identity and place of residence before voting or registering in conjunction with voting.

### Voter Qualifications

- 18 years of age or older on General Voting Day
- Canadian citizen
- resident of B.C. for the past six months

### Voter Identification

Voters must prove their identity and residential address to receive a ballot or register to vote in conjunction with voting.



#### Voters must provide either:

- one document issued by the Government of B.C. or Canada that contains the voter's name, photograph and residential address, such as a B.C. Driver's Licence or B.C. Identification card (BCID)

#### OR

- a Certificate of Indian Status

#### OR

- two documents that contain the voter's name. At least one of the documents must also contain the voter's residential address.

The Chief Electoral Officer has authorized the following types of documents for this purpose:

### Government-issued identity documents

(e.g. health care card, birth certificate, social insurance card, passport, citizenship document/certificate, Old Age Security card etc.)

### Other government-issued documents

(e.g. property tax assessment, income tax assessment notice, government cheque)

### School/college/ university-issued document

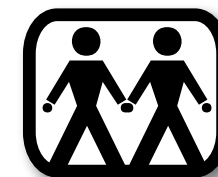
(e.g. admissions letter, report card, transcript, residence acceptance, tuition/fees statement, student card)

### Other documents

- bank/credit card or statement
- residential lease/mortgage statement
- insurance statement
- public transportation pass
- utility bill
- membership cards
- hospital bracelet/documents
- attestation of residence
- provincial election Where to Vote card

## Vouching

Voters without the necessary identification can be vouched for to get on the voters list and vote.



The voucher must be one of the following:

- registered as a voter in the same electoral district and able to produce the necessary identification documents
- a direct family member; a spouse, parent, grandparent, or adult child, grandchild or sibling of the voter
- a person having legal authority to make personal care decisions in respect of the person being vouched for

Both the voter and the voucher must each make a solemn declaration as to the voter's identity and place of residence.

A voucher who is not the voter's relative or personal care authority may only vouch for one voter. A relative may vouch for any voters who are members of their family. A personal care authority may vouch for all voters over which they have authority.

A voter who has been vouched for may not vouch for any other voter at that election.



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## Voting by mail



Registered voters do not need to provide ID if they are voting by mail. Voters registering when they vote by mail must include copies of acceptable identification with their voting package.

If a voter does not have acceptable ID, they must have someone vouch for them. The solemn declaration of vouching must be made before an election official, a barrister or solicitor, or someone authorized to take affidavits.

If the voucher is not a family member or personal care authority (see Vouching), the voucher must include copies of acceptable identification in the voter's voting package.



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