

Voting

Can I vote?

You can vote if on polling day you:

- are 18 years or older
- are a Canadian citizen, and
- have lived in the Yukon for 12 months

How can I register to vote?

When the election is called, enumerators will be going to every residence in your electoral district to get the names of people who are qualified to vote.

If the enumerators cannot get your name and the names of qualified voters who live with you, you can have your name added during revision or you can go to a special revision three days before polling day. You should telephone the Elections Office for the times and locations for adding your name to the list of voters.

I do not want someone to know where I live. How can I vote if my name has to be on a list?

You can apply to the returning officer to vote without your name and address being on the list.

I work in the Yukon from April to October. Can I vote in an election?

You will have to decide where you live.

I keep an apartment in Whitehorse. I live most of the time at my cabin which is in another electoral district. Where do I vote?

You will have to decide in which electoral district you want to vote. You may have to get your name on the list yourself. Enumerators can only take your name for their electoral district.

Proxy Voting and Special Voting

If I am on vacation and not in the Yukon when an election is called, how can I vote?

I am going to university outside the Yukon. How can I vote?

You can have someone vote for you, or apply to vote by special ballot.

Proxy Voting - Application and Directions

You and your proxy voter both must be on the list and you must complete a proxy application. After the proxy application is filled in it must be delivered to the returning officer for a proxy certificate.

When an election is called, proxy applications are also available from the returning officer or from the enumerators.

Special Voting - Application and Directions for Special Ballots

You can apply to vote by special ballot if you will not be able to vote in person on polling day or at the advance poll. Special ballot applications are available at returning offices or from enumerators.

I live in Mayo. I am going to school in Whitehorse. Where can I vote?

You can have your name added to the list in Mayo or in Whitehorse. If you have your name added to the list in Mayo, you can apply to vote by special ballot. Your application should be sent to the returning office in Mayo. A special ballot will be mailed or delivered to you. You must return the marked ballot paper before 2:00 pm on polling day.

I cannot leave my house to vote. How can I get a ballot?

You can vote by special ballot. Ask the enumerators for an application or phone the Elections Office. The phone number is on the voter's guide.

I moved to another electoral district after I was enumerated. Where do I vote?

If you cannot get your name added to the list for the other electoral district, you can vote only where you were enumerated.

Can I leave work to vote?

Your employer is required to give you four hours to vote.

Where do I go to vote?

When you are enumerated or have your name added to the list you will receive a voter's guide which tells you the location of your polling place. On polling day, the polling place is open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Each polling place will have polling stations which consist of two election officials, a ballot box and ballot papers, and representatives of the candidates.

You can vote at the **advance poll** if you are going to be away on polling day. The advance poll is open from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. on the 7th and 8th days before polling day.

What do I have to do at the polling place?

At your polling station, one election official, the poll clerk, will ask your name and address. The other election official, the deputy returning officer, will hand you a folded ballot paper and tell you to mark it for one candidate only.

If you have to take a declaration before you get your ballot paper, it will be read to you.

How do I mark my ballot paper?

A polling booth is set up for you to privately mark your ballot paper. You should mark your ballot paper with an "X" in the circle beside the name of the candidate you are voting for. **If you put any other mark on the ballot paper, it may not be counted.**

Re-fold your ballot paper and take it to the deputy returning officer. This person will remove the numbered piece of paper on the ballot paper and put it in the ballot box.