

## When Does Your Ballot Have To Be Received?

The Special (Mail-In) Ballot must be returned in a series of envelopes designed to provide voting secrecy, to the **Office of the Chief Electoral Officer** by the deadline that will be advertised once the election writ is issued. Only ballot papers received by that deadline will be counted.

### Check List

#### Did you remember to:

- ✓ complete the application for Special (Mail-In) Ballot;
- ✓ sign and date the application form; and
- ✓ enclose clear photocopies of all required proofs of eligibility.

## For More Information Contact:

The Office of the Chief Electoral Officer

#### Mailing Address:

39 Hallett Crescent  
St. John's, NL A1B 4C4

#### Telephone:

(709)729-0712

#### Toll Free:

1-877-729-7987 (all areas)

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## Elections Newfoundland and Labrador

# Instructions For Voting By Special (Mail-In) Ballot



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## Who Is Eligible To Vote By Special (Mail-In) Ballot?

### Every Person Including:

1. an elector who has reason to believe that he/she will have difficulty voting on polling day perhaps due to work or personal commitments;
2. a student who is in attendance at a recognized educational institution either inside or outside the Province;
3. an elector temporarily residing outside the Province for a continuous period of less than 6 months who is unable to attend at either the advance or regular poll;
4. an elector who is incarcerated in a correctional institution or in detention at the Waterford Hospital;
5. a patient in hospital who will be unable to attend either the advance or regular poll.

## What Qualifications Have To Be Met?

In order to apply for a Special (Mail-In) Ballot a qualified elector must be:

- ⇒ at least 18 years of age on polling day;
- ⇒ a Canadian citizen;
- ⇒ ordinarily resident in the district and polling division on polling day; and
- ⇒ ordinarily resident in the Province the day before polling day.

## Where Can I Get An Application For Special (Mail-In) Ballot?

### Applications are available from:

- 1) the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer  
39 Hallett Crescent  
St. John's, NL A1B 4C4;
- 2) the returning officer for the electoral district whose name, address and telephone number will be publicly advertised once the election writ has been issued;
- 3) the website of the  
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer.

[www.gov.nf.ca/elections/special.htm](http://www.gov.nf.ca/elections/special.htm)



## What Information Must Accompany The Application?

- 1) the name of the applicant and the current address of the applicant's residence in the Province;
- 2) the applicant's mailing address;
- 3) the applicant's date of birth;
- 4) proof of the applicant's identity including:
  - ⇒ one document showing the elector's name, current address and signature such as a valid driver's license; or
  - ⇒ one document such as a utility bill showing the elector's current address with the elector actually signing the bill (to compare with the signature on the application form); or
  - ⇒ an affidavit signed before an authorized person (i.e. Commissioner for Oaths/Justice of the Peace) verifying the elector's name, current address and signature.

**Note:** *If the applicant has no identification please consult the Chief Electoral Office.*

## What Happens Next?

The completed application with accompanying documentation may be mailed, faxed, or hand delivered to the Chief Electoral Office for processing.

The application must be received no later than 6:00 p.m. on a date to be determined by the Chief Electoral Officer once the election writ has been issued.

## Did You Know?

Every Special (Mail-In) Ballot elector must have his or her name included on the List of Electors in order to be issued a Special (Mail-In) Ballot kit.

When an elector's application to vote by Special (Mail-In) Ballot has been approved, that elector may only vote by Special (Mail-In) Ballot.

## The Onus Is On ...?

It is the responsibility of the elector to make an application for Special (Mail-In) Ballot in a timely fashion and to meet the deadlines established.

## Then What Happens?

Once your application is approved you will be sent, by the means specified by you, a Special (Mail-In) Ballot kit consisting of:

- ⇒ a ballot paper;
- ⇒ a ballot envelope;
- ⇒ a declaration envelope;
- ⇒ a return envelope and instructions on how to complete and return the Special (Mail-In) Ballot.

Voting  
It's Simple, Secret And  
It Counts!