

CONSTITUENCY:

The geographic area (defined by electoral boundaries) in which candidates run for election. Constituencies are named for their location, such as “Saskatoon Northwest”, “Weyburn-Big Muddy”, “Cumberland”, and “Rosetown-Elrose”. The voters in each constituency can elect one candidate to sit in the Legislature. In Saskatchewan, there are 58 constituencies – corresponding to a total of 58 seats in the Legislature. The political party that wins the most seats forms the Government. The party that comes in second forms the Official Opposition.

SPECIAL VOTING CIRCUMSTANCES

If you cannot vote on Election Day:

ADVANCE POLLING

There will be five days of advance polls where you can vote if you are unable to vote on Election Day. For the dates and hours of advance polls in your area, see “Where to Vote” on the Elections Saskatchewan website.

ABSENTEE VOTING

If you are unable to vote at either a regular poll on Election Day or at an Advance Poll, you may request an Absentee Voter Application Form (E-127A) from a Returning Officer, from Elections Saskatchewan (1-877-958-8683), or through the Elections Saskatchewan website (www.elections.sk.ca).

Absentee Ballot applications must be received by Elections Saskatchewan no later than eight days before Election Day.

STUDENTS

Students within Saskatchewan can choose to vote either in the polling division where they lived before they left for school or in the polling division where their new residence is located – but not in both.

Non-Saskatchewan students studying in the province can vote if they have resided in Saskatchewan for six months immediately prior to the day the election was called, are Canadian citizens, and are at least 18 years old.

FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT PHYSICALLY TRAVEL TO A POLL

Elections Saskatchewan will ensure on-location voting opportunities for:

- Hospital patients
- Personal Care Facility or Personal Care Home Residents
- Individuals in Remand Centres. (Eligible voters in penitentiaries and provincial correctional institutions can only vote by Absentee Ballot.)

FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED:

- Each polling station has a magnifying sheet and template for visually impaired voters.
- Voters unable to mark their ballot may request the assistance of the Deputy Returning Officer. Blind voters may also bring a friend to mark the ballot.

WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBILITY:

- Most polling locations are wheelchair accessible. For information on your particular poll, contact your constituency Returning Officer or call Elections Saskatchewan at 1-877-958-8683.
- If you are physically unable to enter the polling location, an alternative voting procedure (called curbside voting) can be requested.

Take time to learn about the issues and get to know your local candidates. Encourage your friends and family to vote too.

On November 7, show up and vote.

Disclaimer:

This publication is intended as a guide for voters. For official information on Saskatchewan elections, please see *The Election Act, 1996* available at <http://www.qp.gov.sk.ca/documents/English/Statutes/Statutes/E6-01.pdf> or from Elections Saskatchewan (1-877-958-8683).

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VOTER'S GUIDE
SASKATCHEWAN'S GENERAL ELECTION



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OUR PROVINCIAL ELECTION DAY IS: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2011 FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M. C.S.T.

STEP ONE: BE ON THE VOTERS' LIST

You are eligible to vote if you:

- are a Canadian Citizen;
- are at least 18 years of age on Election Day; and
- have lived in Saskatchewan for at least six months immediately prior to the day the election was called.

Or if

- you are a British subject who was qualified as a voter on June 23, 1971; and
- you meet the residency requirements listed above.

NOTE: People who have been convicted, within the past five years, of a corrupt practice under *The Election Act, 1996* are not eligible.

ENUMERATION:

The process of collecting and listing names of eligible voters for the Voters' List.

ENUMERATOR:

An individual appointed by Elections Saskatchewan to collect names for the Voters' List.

ENUMERATION AND THE VOTERS' LIST

Enumerators go door-to-door collecting names of eligible voters in order to create the Voters' List. When an enumerator comes to your door, he or she will ask for the names of all of the eligible voters living at your residence.

Election Saskatchewan will send you a Voter Information Card that tells you where you vote (your polling location).

If you are not home when the enumerator comes to your door, they will leave a card listing the Returning Officer's phone number. You can call the phone number to be added to the Voters' List.

IF YOU DO NOT GET ENUMERATED

If you did not get enumerated, you can still get your name on the Voters' List during the revision period. Revision period is from October 13 - October 26, 2011. We encourage you to call your constituency Returning Officer and get your name on the Voters' List. It's easier and quicker to vote if your name is on the list.

If your name is not on the Voters' List you can still vote at your polling location by making a declaration and showing satisfactory proof of your identity and place of ordinary residence.

Please visit Elections Saskatchewan's website at www.elections.sk.ca or call Elections Saskatchewan for more details on identification requirements.

If you are unable to show ID you can still vote by taking an oath and have an eligible voter who knows you, vouch for your identity and place of ordinary residence. The person vouching for you must have valid authorized identification. This person can only vouch for one person. Examples would be a neighbour, your roommate, etc.

RETURNING OFFICER:

The Elections Saskatchewan official in charge of the election in your constituency.

ADVANCE POLL:

A polling location you can go to in advance if you are going to be away on Election Day.

CURBSIDE POLL:

A special service where the poll comes to you – a way for people to vote who are physically unable to enter the polling location to vote. You must request permission from the Deputy Returning Officer to vote outside the polling location.

STEP TWO: CAST YOUR VOTE

ON ELECTION DAY...

Most eligible voters will go to their designated polling location (or poll) to vote on Election Day. The Voter Information Card sent to your address will show your poll location – or see "Where to Vote" in this Guide.

This election all voters must show satisfactory proof of their identity and their place of ordinary residence. Acceptable ID can be photo ID issued by a government agency with your name and address (i.e. driver's license) or two original pieces of valid authorized identification. The Voter Information Card is one source of ID and we recommend you bring it with you to the poll.

HELP AT THE POLL:

When you arrive at a poll, officials wearing bright yellow Elections Saskatchewan vests will provide directions to make voting easy. Please feel free to ask for assistance.

MARKING YOUR BALLOT:

When you go to mark your ballot, you will find clear instructions behind your voting screen at the poll. Please follow these instructions. Marking your ballot improperly could result in it being rejected (declared ineligible and not counted).

POLLING LOCATION:

The place where you vote on Election Day. A constituency will have several polling stations, so it is important to know which one to go to on Election Day. (Refer to your Voter Information Card.)

BALLOT:

The official piece of paper used to mark your vote for your choice of candidate.

BALLOT BOX:

The secured box in which your ballot is placed immediately after you mark it.

WHERE TO VOTE

There are several ways to find out which poll to go to in order to cast your ballot:

- Look at the Voter Information Card that shows your poll on Election Day
- Contact the Returning Officer in your constituency
- Call Elections Saskatchewan: 1-877-958-8683
- Visit www.elections.sk.ca