

RESIDENT ELECTORS

REGISTRATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

Registration of all electors will take place at the time of voting. Electors will be required to make a declaration that they:

- are 18 years of age or older on general voting day (Oct 17, 2026);
- are a Canadian citizen;
- have been a resident of BC for at least 6 months;
- are a resident of the applicable Electoral Area/School Trustee Area
- are not otherwise disqualified by law from voting; and
- entitled to vote and have not previously voted in the same election.
- For School District Trustee elections: have not previously voted in ANY Trustee Area in the entire School District (electors must vote in the area where they are residents).

ELECTOR IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Resident electors must provide the following:

- a) at least 2 documents that together provide evidence of the their identity and place of residence, at least one of which must contain their signature;
- OR**
- b) at least 2 documents that provide evidence of their identity, at least one of which must contain their signature, and must make a solemn 'Declaration of Residency' as per the Rules for Determining Residency.
- OR**
- c) 1 piece proving identity containing a signature, then they must make a solemn 'Declaration of Residency and Identity'

See the 'Accepted Elector Identification' sheet for more information.

RULES FOR DETERMINING RESIDENCY

The following rules shall be used to determine whether a person is a resident of an area:

- (a) a person is a resident of the area where the person lives and to which, whenever absent, the person intends to return;
- (b) a person can be a resident of only one area at a time for voting purposes;
- (c) a person does not change the area in which the person is a resident until the person has a new area in which the person is a resident;
- (d) a person does not stop being a resident of an area by leaving the area for temporary purposes only.

If a person moves to a new area for the purposes of attending an educational institution that is away from their usual area of residence, that person may choose to vote in either area, **but not in both**.