

Voter ID and Proof of Residency Requirements

Electors wishing to vote in the October 26th, 2016 election, whether municipal or school division, are now required to provide evidence of identification and residence to the Deputy Returning Officer at the polling station in order to receive a ballot. There are three options available to an elector regarding this evidence.

Option 1 - Photo ID Which Also Includes Address Is the Most Acceptable Form

Photo ID that is government issued, valid and has your photo, name and civic address or legal land description clearly identified.

Examples include:

- A valid Saskatchewan Driver's Licence;
- A valid Saskatchewan ID card issued by SGI or any motor licence issuer;
- Any other valid photo ID issued by a Canadian government whether federal, provincial or municipal, or an agency of that government, so long as it includes your name and civic address or legal land description.

Option 2 – Two Pieces of ID

If you don't have and cannot obtain photo ID showing your civic address, you can present two original pieces of authorized identification. Both pieces must contain your name and at least one must include your civic address or legal land description.

Examples include:

- Valid ID cards or certificates issued by the Canadian or Saskatchewan government, a Saskatchewan municipality or school division, a Saskatchewan Indian band, the Métis Nation of Saskatchewan or an agency of one of these entities;
- Correspondence, benefit/contribution statements and tax/assessment notices issued by any of the above entities;
- Utility bills and/or statements issued within six months of the date of the election.

Option 3 – Vouching

A qualified elector may vouch for another person who does not have an appropriate form of ID as outlined in Options 1 & 2 by completing Form B - Vouching for Identity.

- Electors cannot vouch for more than one person unless the person being vouched for;
 - o lives at the same address as the elector; and
 - o is related to the elector in a manner set out in the regulations;
- A person who has been vouched for cannot vouch for the identify of another person;

Candidates, candidate's agents, and election officials cannot vouch for the identity of any person.

Please note – identification is not copied nor retained or recorded by the deputy returning officer; it is simply provided to be inspected by election officials in order to ascertain the elector's name and residence.

For more information on the type of non-photo identification which may be used by an elector or the type of family relationships enabling an elector to vouch for more than one person can be found in Appendix D to the Local Government Elections Act Regulations. An online copy of both the Local Government Elections Act and the Regulations can be found at the Queen's Printer website at www.qp.gov.sk.ca

The deputy returning officer cannot provide a ballot to an elector who refuses or fails to comply with the identification requirements.

The following is from the *Local Government Election Act Regulations, 2015* which lists the types of acceptable documents;

Appendix D

TABLE 1

Voter Identification

[Section 14 of the Regulations]

1. Information Showing Name

The following valid and original documents containing the name of the bearer:

- 1-1 Birth Certificate
- 1-2 Canadian Blood Services Donor Card
- 1-3 Canadian Passport
- 1-4 Certificate of Canadian Citizenship (Citizenship Card or Citizen Certificate) issued by the Government of Canada
- 1-5 Certificate of Indian Status (Status Card) or Secure Certificate of Indian Status issued by the Government of Canada
- 1-6 Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) client card bearing the **person's photograph and signature or a card bearing the person's photograph and signature** issued by any registered charitable organization **that provides services to persons with disabilities**
- 1-7 Credit Card issued by a bank or credit union
- 1-8 Debit Card issued by a bank or credit union
- 1-9 Identification issued by the Canada Border Services Authority
- 1-10 Identification issued by Canadian Air Transport Security Agency (CATSA)
- 1-11 Identity Card issued by the Canadian Forces
- 1-12 Employee card issued by the Government of Canada, the Government of **Saskatchewan, a Saskatchewan municipality, a school division or an Indian Band in Saskatchewan, or an agency of one of these entities**
- 1-13 **Firearm Possession and Acquisition Licence or Possession Only Licence** issued pursuant to the *Firearms Act* (Canada)
- 1-14 Hunting, Angling and Trapping Licence issued pursuant to *The Fisheries (Saskatchewan) Act, 1994* or *The Wildlife Act, 1998*
- 1-15 Hospital bracelet/Hospital card
- 1-16 Metis Nation Status Card issued by the Metis Nation- Saskatchewan
- 1-17 Old Age Security (OAS) Card issued pursuant to the *Old Age Security Act (Canada)*
- 1-18 Pleasure Craft Operator Card issued pursuant to the *Canada Shipping Act*
- 1-19 Parolee identification card or other identification card issued by an **institution under the authority of the Commissioner of the Correctional Service of Canada**
- 1-20 Radio Operator Card or Certificate issued by Industry Canada

- 1-21 Saskatchewan Driver's Licence issued pursuant to *The Traffic Safety Act*
- 1-22 Saskatchewan Health Services Card issued pursuant to *The Health Administration Act*
- 1-23 Social Insurance Number Card issued by the Government of Canada
 - 1-24 Student Identification Card issued by a post-secondary institution regulated by a Saskatchewan Act
- 1-25 Union Identification Card
- 1-26 Veterans Affairs Canada Health Identification Card
- 1-27 Wildlife Habitat Certificate
- 1-28 Professional or trade certification card or licence
 - 1-29 any other piece of identification issued by the Government of Canada, the Government of Saskatchewan, a Saskatchewan municipality, a school division or an Indian Band in Saskatchewan, the M8tis Nation - Saskatchewan or an agency of one of these entities bearing the person's name

2. Information Showing Name and Address

The following valid and original documents containing the name and address of the bearer:

- 2-1 any document bearing the person's name and address and issued by the Government of Canada, the Government of Saskatchewan, a Saskatchewan municipality, a school division or Indian band in Saskatchewan, the M8tis Nation - Saskatchewan, or an agency of one of these entities
- 2-2 a Certification of Identity and Residence that is substantially in the form of Form A of Appendix A, issued by the responsible authority of a shelter, soup kitchen, student residence, senior residence or long-term care facility.
- 2-3 one of the following documents issued by the responsible authority of a shelter, soup kitchen, student residence, senior residence or long-term care facility:
 - (a) Letter of Stay
 - (b) Admission Form
 - (c) Statement of Benefits
 - (d) An original or copy of an original document provided by the facility that includes the resident's name, facility address and other relevant information indicating that the individual resides at the facility, such as:
 - (i) a resident data sheet;
 - (ii) a Face Sheet from the Care Organizer Health Record System; or
 - (iii) a similar document that is kept on record by the facility.
- 2-4 Bank Card Statement issued by a bank or credit union
- 2-5 Blank cheque bearing the person's name and address

- 2.6 Credit Card Statement issued by a bank or credit union
- 2.7 Certified copy of title issued by the Registrar of Titles
- 2.8 Certificate of vehicle registration issued pursuant to *The Traffic Safety Act*
- 2.9 Correspondence issued by a post-secondary institution regulated by a Saskatchewan Act
- 2.10 Declaration witnessed by a notary public or Commissioner for Oaths
- 2.11 Document issued or certified by a court in Canada
- 2.12 Documents issued by a utility that supplies telephone, cable television, **electricity, gas, or water services**
- 2.13 Government cheque or cheque stub issued by the Government of Canada, the **Government of Saskatchewan, a Saskatchewan municipality, a school division or Indian band in Saskatchewan, the Métis Nation- Saskatchewan, or an agency of one of these entities**
- 2.14 Income Tax Assessment Notice issued by the Canada Revenue Agency
- 2.15 Insurance policy
- 2.16 Letter from the Public Guardian and Trustee
- 2.17 Pay cheque or pay receipt issued by an employer
- 2.18 Pension plan Statement of Benefits, Contributions or Participation
- 2.19 Property Tax Assessment Notice or a Tax Notice issued by a municipality
- 2.20 Residential Lease or Mortgage Statement
- 2.21 Statement of Crop Insurance issued by the Saskatchewan Crop Insurance **Corporation**
- 2.22 Statement issued by the Worker's Compensation Board
- 2.23 Statement of government benefits (employment insurance, old age security, social assistance, disability support or child tax benefit) issued by the **Government of Canada or the Government of Saskatchewan**
- 2.24 Voter identification card issued by a Saskatchewan municipality that **shows name and address.**