

PROVINCIAL ELECTION
2024



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Message from the Chief Electoral Officer

In 2024, New Brunswickers will vote to elect their next provincial government. Voters across the province will have the opportunity to cast a ballot that will determine the government to guide the province over the next four years. By itself, one vote may not seem that powerful; however, collectively, New Brunswickers can use their individual votes to influence important decisions the next government will make on their behalf.

As the election management body responsible for running these elections, Elections NB will ensure everyone knows the dates, times, and places they will be able to vote. We are your trusted source for information related to voting procedures throughout the election campaign.

New Brunswickers have several options available to them to exercise their right to vote. In addition to the two days of advance voting and Election Day, voters can visit any of the 49 returning offices across the province, six days a week, to cast a ballot. A mail-in ballot is also available to those who are travelling, working or attending a post-secondary educational institution outside of the province during the election.

Post-secondary students studying in the province have the choice to vote for a candidate in their “home” riding or for a candidate in the riding where they live while going to school. During the upcoming election, we will set up temporary voting places at many post-secondary campuses across the province to make voting even more accessible for student voters.

We are also proud to offer a variety of accessibility supports for voters with disabilities. Firstly, and most importantly, our returning officers do their utmost to pick voting places that meet strict accessibility criteria. At every returning office, we offer assistive audio vote technology that allows electors with disabilities to vote independently. In addition, braille templates and magnifiers are available at all voting places, sign language interpreters can be booked by appointment, and any elector can ask a friend to help them vote.



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Chief Electoral Officer

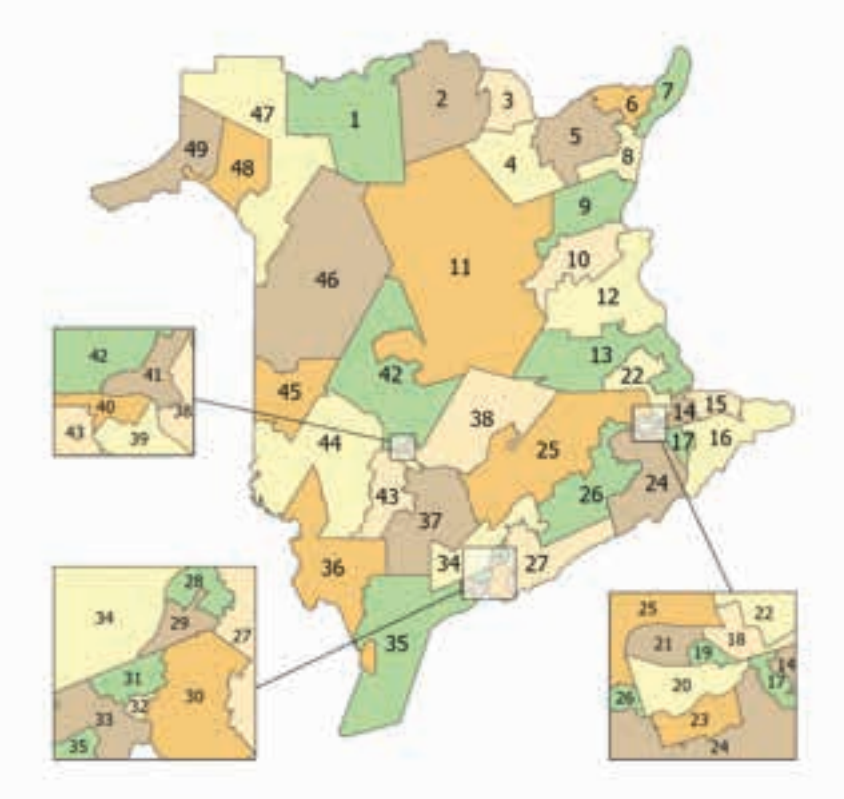


Provincial Electoral Districts 2024

New Brunswick's political map has changed for this election. Many ridings have new names, and some have seen significant changes to their boundaries.

The changes should have little impact on a person's ability to vote during these elections. Voting places must fall within the riding, and returning officers will select these locations based on considerations that include the convenience of voters and providing barrier-free access.

Two weeks before election day, everyone on the voters list will be sent a voter information card telling them when and where they can vote.



Scan the QR code to search for your riding



Qualifications to Vote

A person is qualified to vote in a provincial election if they are:

- a Canadian citizen
- at least 18 years old by Election Day
- a resident of the Province at least 40 days immediately before the election, and
- living in the riding on Election Day

Getting on the Voters List

If you have voted in a previous provincial election in New Brunswick, you may already be on the voters list. To be added, you must meet the qualifications to vote and provide one or more pieces of identification that, in combination, show your name, current civic address and signature. A New Brunswick driver's licence contains all three and is ideal.

Other options include:

- lease agreement, utility bills, Medicare card, student ID, Certificate of Indian Status
- any other documentation that provides the above three pieces of information
- having a friend on the voters list for your polling station vouch for your identity and residency

Accessibility

Elections NB offers a variety of options to assist voters with a physical or cognitive disability.

Please join our efforts to improve voting accessibility for the people of New Brunswick by spreading the word throughout your community about the voting options and accommodations available.

You may vote using:

- a large grip, scent-reduced marker
- a braille list of candidates and instructions
- a sign language interpreter (by appointment only)
- a mail-in ballot
- a friend to help you



Audio Vote (Returning Office Only)

Individuals are able to vote independently using an audio vote session that is only available at returning offices. While wearing headphones, the voter listens to voting instructions and makes their selection privately using one of the following devices:

- a braille controller with an audio ballot
- sip and puff technology with an audio ballot
- paddles with an audio ballot

Curbside Voting

Elections NB makes every effort to provide accessible voting places throughout the province. However, some voting places may still present barriers for some voters. A voter who is unable to access a voting place may request curbside voting. The poll supervisor will arrange to have the ballot brought to the individual's vehicle so they can vote and cast their ballot.



Special Ballots

Special ballots are used by individuals living in nursing homes, special care homes, federal and provincial correctional facilities, patients in the hospital, and voters who are unable to leave their homes because of illness or incapacity.

Scheduled visits to treatment centres are arranged early in the election. Someone who is unable to vote in person due to illness or incapacity may set up an appointment to have a ballot delivered to them at home.

If you are temporarily away from your home, you may vote at any returning office in the province, for a candidate running in the riding where you normally live. If you have any questions on how to use or access any of these accommodations, please contact us.

Vote by Mail

If you can't make it to vote in person, you have the option to vote by mail.

During an election, you can apply using an online portal on our website or download a form from the website and send it to the local returning office in the riding where you are eligible to vote.

A mail-in ballot package will be sent to you. You are responsible for sending the ballot package back to the local returning office before the polls close at 8 p.m. on election night. Any ballot packages received after the polls close cannot be counted.



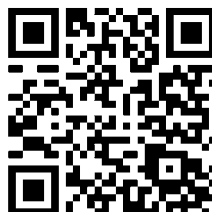
Student Voters

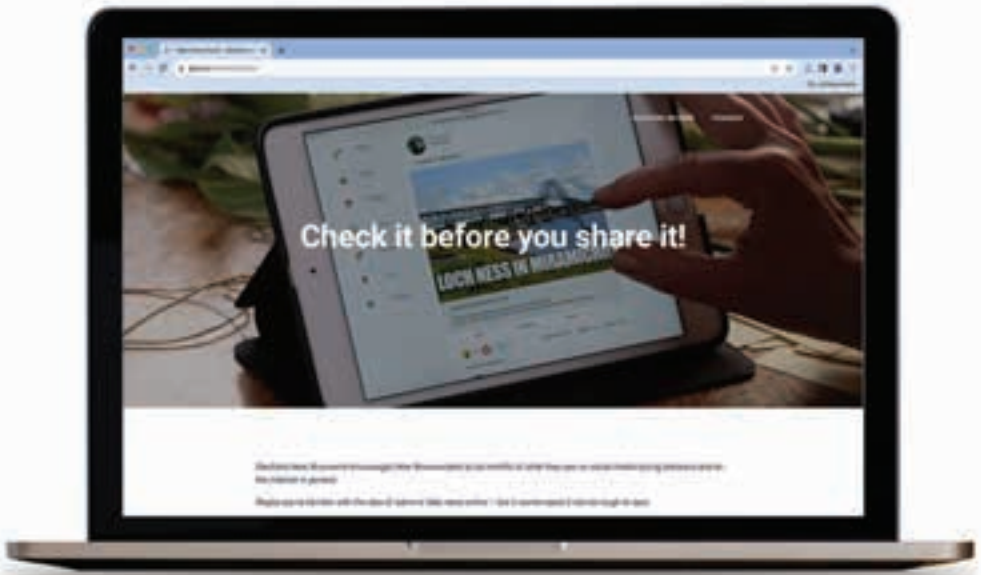
Students have the choice to vote for a candidate in their “home” riding or for a candidate in the riding where they live while going to school.

Students still only get one vote. They must have lived in the province for 40 days before Election Day and must meet the other qualifications to vote.

New Brunswick students who are studying outside of the province during the election can contact the local returning office in their home riding and request an application for a mail-in ballot. People who opt to vote by mail are responsible for sending the package back, and the ballot package must be received by the local returning office no later than 8 p.m. on Election Day.

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to learn more
about campus
voting





Check the Facts... Verify the Source.

Today's modern elections no longer use only billboards and other more traditional advertising tools to promote campaigns.

Political parties, candidates and political activists now rely heavily on social media platforms to spread their messages.

This makes it more challenging and more important that you take the time to check the facts before sharing information with others. When possible, validate the source before accepting at face value posts that show up in your social media feeds and sharing them with others. Inaccurate information is being used to disrupt the democratic process by attempting to influence who you vote for or even if you vote at all.

Elections NB is your trusted source for information about election processes such as the qualifications to vote and the details about when and where voting will take place.

You can access voting information relevant to this year's election on our website at electionsnb.ca or by calling us at 1-888-858-8683.

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to get the facts



Your Trusted Election Source

Elections NB has the mandate to run all provincial and local government elections in the province. Over time, we have introduced changes to improve the voting process, making it more accessible and efficient.

The integrity of the electoral process, and voters' confidence in the security and accuracy of their vote, are key considerations in any change we make.



Technology and Transparency

The many technologies used to streamline voting and enhance the accuracy and timeliness of results reporting have been carefully and rigorously tested by Elections NB and other election offices across Canada.

Since 2008, every tabulation machine used in an election is tested to make sure it accurately reads and counts every ballot it is programmed to accept. After testing, each tabulation machine is re-zeroed, sealed in its case, and shipped to a returning office using a secure shipping method to ensure it cannot be tampered with.

Elections NB has used tabulation machines to accurately and securely count over 2.1 million paper ballots since the technology was first used in 2008.

The Paper Trail

International election experts cite the continued use of a paper ballot as the best practice to guarantee the integrity of an election.

In New Brunswick, post-election hand-counts of paper ballots, dozens of judicial recounts, and post-election audits conducted by provincial returning officers have upheld all election outcomes originally counted using tabulation machines.



Did you know: By law, all ballots cast in provincial elections are stored for one year so that they are available for potential legal challenges to the outcome of an election.

Have questions? Get the facts from your trusted election source, Elections New Brunswick.

Third Party Advertising

Under New Brunswick's *Political Process Financing Act*, a third party is any person, corporation, or group that **is not** a registered political party, a registered district association or a candidate. A group includes professional organizations and unions.

During an election, a third party engages in election advertising if they deliver a message to the public that:

- promotes a political party or candidate;
- opposes a political party or candidate; or
- takes a position on an issue associated with a political party or a candidate.

In election advertising, a third party must identify itself and the person responsible for the third party's records and that person's telephone number or address. An individual who creates their own sign to post on their property must also include this information.

If a third party spends more than \$500 on election advertising, they are required to register with Elections NB. They must also follow additional rules and spending limits.



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