

# HOW TO EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE OUTSIDE QUÉBEC

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## IF YOU ARE ABSENT FROM QUÉBEC DURING AN ELECTION PERIOD, WILL YOU BE ABLE TO EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE?

If you are temporarily absent from Québec, you can vote by mail under certain conditions.

To do so, you must register by completing the registration form included in this pamphlet and enclose a copy of two identification documents. Please return the registration form and copies to the Chief Electoral Officer of Québec by mail, by fax or by e-mail. In this latter case, please use a scanner to make a copy of the form and your identification documents.

## YOU CAN SUBMIT YOUR REGISTRATION FORM NOW.

During an election period, you have only a few days to register. In fact, **your application for entry should be received latest the 19<sup>th</sup> day before polling day.** If you are eligible for the postal ballot, you will receive a ballot paper and all the documents that you require to vote.

Outside an election period, you will receive a letter from the Chief Electoral Officer confirming your entry and informing you about the deadline for your eligibility. On the return date that appears on your registration form, or on the deadline for your eligibility, you will again be entered on the permanent list of electors in the electoral division where your domicile in Québec is located.

**Submit your application right away so that you can exercise your right to vote at any time!**

## ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE OUTSIDE QUÉBEC?

**Yes, if you meet the following four conditions:**

- you are a qualified elector, namely:
  - you are 18 or over;
  - you are a Canadian citizen;
  - you are not under curatorship;
  - you have not been deprived of your election rights (found guilty by a competent court of an offence that involves a corrupt electoral practice);
- at the time that you left Québec, you had been domiciled in Québec for at least 12 consecutive months;
- you intend to return to Québec;
- you have been temporarily absent from Québec for 2 years or less.

## THE TWO-YEAR TIME LIMIT DOES NOT APPLY IF:

- you hold a position on behalf of the Government of Québec or the Government of Canada, outside Québec;
- you hold a position in an international organization of which Québec or Canada are members and to which they pay a contribution.

The two-year time limit **does not apply** to your spouse and your dependents, provided that the latter are qualified electors and live with you outside Québec.

**IMPORTANT:** you must include with your application proof of posting outside Québec.


## YOU CAN OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION ON VOTING BY MAIL:

- by consulting our Web site:  
[www.electionsquebec.qc.ca](http://www.electionsquebec.qc.ca)

- or by contacting our Information Center:

Toll-free number for Canada and U.S.A.:  
**1-888-ELECTION (1-888-353-2846)**

Other countries:  
**418-528-0422**

 The deaf or hard of hearing can call the following toll free number:  
1-800-537-0644.

## Application to vote by Mail for electors outside Québec

**I would like to exercise my right to vote outside Québec**

Surname at birth *		Given name *	
Name of married person (optional)		Date of birth *	Sex *
		Year   Month   Day	<input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> M

<b>Address of your domicile in Québec *</b>		<b>Previous address in Québec</b> (Mandatory if you have been living at your current address for less than six months)	
Number	Street	Apt.	
City or municipality		Postal code	
Telephone number in Québec			

I state that:

- I am a qualified elector
- I left or am leaving Québec on: \_\_\_\_\_ \*  
Year | Month | Day
- I was domiciled in Québec before my departure or I am currently domiciled in Québec
- I intend to return to Québec on: \_\_\_\_\_ \*  
Year | Month | Day

**Full address outside Québec \***

Number	Street	Apt.
City or municipality		Province or State
		Country
		Postal code / ZIP code
Telephone number outside Québec		Fax number (optional)
		E-mail address (optional)

**Append the copies of the two identification documents required and, where applicable, proof of posting outside Québec.**

I acknowledge that the information provided is accurate.

**Applicant's signature \***

\_\_\_\_\_  
Year | Month | Day

**Return the form and copies of the required documents using one of the following means of communication:**

**By mail:** Vote des électeurs hors du Québec  
Le Directeur général des élections du Québec  
Édifice René-Lévesque  
3460, rue de La Pérade  
Québec (Québec) G1X 3Y5  
CANADA

**By fax:** 418-646-3829

**By e-mail:** [vhq@electionsquebec.qc.ca](mailto:vhq@electionsquebec.qc.ca)

Reserved for the Chief Electoral Officer of Québec

Electoral division	File number	Date of receipt
		Year   Month   Day

\* = Mandatory

• A handwritten copy or a photocopy of this document may be made. This form is also available at the web site of the Chief Electoral Officer: [www.electionsquebec.qc.ca](http://www.electionsquebec.qc.ca)

• The voting material will be sent under your **maiden name**. To facilitate the reception, it is important to inform your post office or anyone likely to receive your mail, that you will be receiving mail under this name.

• It is this address that will determine the electoral division in which your vote will be counted. No P.O. box number is accepted.

• To be eligible, you must indicate a date of return. If the precise date is not known, indicate the month and year. If you come back before the return date indicated, please inform us.

• You will receive all the material required to exercise your voting right at this address.

• No P.O. box number is accepted.

• This information may be useful to us if the documents that you send us are incomplete.

• You must append a copy (and not the originals) of two identification documents including:

- one that mentions your **name** and **date of birth** (for example: passport, birth certificate, citizenship certificate, health insurance card);
- the other that mentions your **name** and the mailing address of your **domicile in Québec** (for example: driver's license, lease, electricity bill, hospital card).