



A public service to vote for: ELECTION 2015

Bulletin #3

Your Vote Can Make A Difference!

Millions of Canadians go to the polls in a few weeks – and **every vote counts**, everywhere across Canada. It's especially important for you to **vote if you believe in public services**. Recent provincial elections in British Columbia and Ontario showed that union members can make a big difference individually and collectively when they go to the polls. On October 19th, you can help decide Canada's future – so **make sure you're registered to vote**.

To register and vote in the upcoming federal election, you'll need to provide proof of identity and address. You can use your driver's licence, your provincial or territorial ID card, or any government card with your photo, name and current address. If you're already registered, check your voter information card when you receive it in the mail to make sure it's correct.

You can vote on election day, in advance polls from October 9th to 12th, by mail or anytime at one of 400 Elections Canada offices.

By law, you have three consecutive hours to cast your vote on election day. If your work hours do not allow for three consecutive hours to vote, your employer must give you time off. The employer has the right to decide **when** you can use your voting hours.

If you have any questions about your right to vote or your voter registration information, **please contact Elections Canada at 1-800-463-6868 or visit elections.ca**. Speak to your PIPSC steward or **call the Institute's Help Desk at 1-800-267-0446** if you have any questions about your political rights as a public service employee.