

Alberta is Voting on October 19.

10 questions. Here is what you need to know.



What is the Referendum?

On **Monday, October 19, 2026**, people in Alberta will vote on **10 questions**. Five questions impact immigration and who is eligible to access public services like health care, education, and social supports.

This document helps clarify the immigration-related referendum questions, their impacts and ways to participate in the vote.

Consult official Elections Alberta resources at elections.ab.ca or our website at aaisa.ca for further information.

What is the Potential Impact?

This vote **does not** make new laws, and the results of all 10 questions are **non-binding**. The vote **will direct future decisions** and can have a significant impact on immigration in Alberta. This is how:

Issue	Current situation	Impact of vote	
		If 'Yes' Wins	If 'No' Wins
Access to healthcare	Most residents of Canada (including temporary foreign workers) have access to health care through Alberta Health Services.	Would limit or remove access to publicly funded health care for some residents (ex. temporary foreign workers) or require them to pay additional fees/premiums .	Continued access to health care for those currently eligible, without additional provincial status requirements.
Access to financial supports	Canadian citizens and permanent residents have access to provincial financial support programs (such as income assistance, disability supports, child benefits). Temporary residents are currently ineligible .	Could make it harder for some people currently eligible to access financial supports. For example, recent arrivals or those not meeting new residency requirements .	Continued access to provincial financial supports for those currently eligible , without additional provincial status requirements.
Access to public education	Children of most residents of Canada (including temporary foreign workers) currently access public K-12 education on the same basis as permanent residents and citizens .	Could restrict public education access for some residents (ex. temporary foreign workers) or require them to pay extra fees/tuition .	Continued access to public education for those currently eligible , without additional provincial status requirements or extra fees.
Control over immigration levels	Federal government sets overall immigration targets ; provinces nominate candidates through Provincial Nominee Program and advocate for their priorities.	Endorses Alberta working to take greater provincial control to lower overall immigration levels and prioritize economic streams .	Supports maintaining the ongoing shared immigration framework between federal and provincial governments.

Find voting guides in 27 different languages, including:

- Arabic (العربية)
- Punjabi (ਪੰਜਾਬੀ)
- Tigrinya (ትግርኛ)
- Farsi (فارسی)
- Simplified Chinese (简体中文)
- Ukrainian (українська)
- Hindi (हिन्दी)
- Somali (Soomaali)
- Urdu (اردو)
- French (Français)



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What are the Steps to Vote?

Step 1 Check eligibility and Registration	You can vote if you are: • A Canadian citizen, and • 18 years or older, and • Living in Alberta Even if you cannot vote, speak to family members and friends who can!		
Step 2 Choose how you want to vote	Vote by Mail <i>Best for:</i> Those out of Alberta or anyone wanting time to review 10 questions • Application deadline: Before 12 a.m., Friday, September 25, 2026. • Ballots will be sent out starting Tuesday, September 1, 2026 • Ballots must be received before 5 p.m., Friday, October 16, 2026	Advance Voting <i>Best for:</i> Those working or wanting to avoid crowds. • Dates: Tuesday, October 13 through Saturday, October 17, 2026 • Hours: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. each day • Location: Any advance voting location in your electoral division	Vote on Election Day <i>Best for:</i> Those who prefer to vote on the official day • Date: Monday, October 19, 2026 • Hours: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. • Location: Your assigned polling station in your electoral division *Note your employer must give you time to vote
Step 3 Find your Polling Location	Check your assigned voting location at Elections Alberta website (based on your home address) • You MUST vote in your electoral division • For advance voting, you can vote at ANY advance location in your division • For election day voting, you MUST vote at your assigned location. Your location can be found in your “Where to Vote” card (mailed to you at the end of September) or use Elections Alberta’s Where to Vote tool online or call 1-877-423-8683.		
Step 4 Bring valid ID	Accepted identification: • Valid driver's licence OR • Provincial photo ID OR • Passport OR • Other government-issued photo ID with your name and current address Requirement: Make sure you confirm both your name and current address on your valid ID		
Step 5 Cast your ballot	What to expect: • 10 separate, colour-coded ballots (one question per ballot) • Questions 1-9: Yes / No questions • Question 10: Choice question (choose one option only) • Mark clearly with an X in the box of your choice • Voting is private and secure Time needed in ballot box: 5-10 minutes to read all 10 questions and mark your choices. Allow extra time if the polling station is busy.		