

2020

SASKATCHEWAN SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

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School Boards
ASSOCIATION



VOTING ELIGIBILITY

Determine which school board you are entitled to vote for:

- Public;
- Separate; or,
- Conseil Scolaire Fransaskois (CSF).

School Board elections in Saskatchewan, including eligibility to vote, are governed by *The Local Government Election Act, 2015* and its *Regulations* and *The Education Act, 1995* and its *Regulations*.

VOTING IN PUBLIC AND CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

You can register to vote for the **PUBLIC** School Board if on Election Day, you:

1. Are a Canadian citizen;
2. Are at least 18 years of age;
3. Have resided in the school division or on land now in the school division for at least three consecutive months immediately preceding the day of the election; and,
4. Have resided in Saskatchewan for at least six consecutive months immediately preceding the day of the election. (*Local Government Election Act, 2015* - section 36)

You can register to vote for the **SEPARATE** School Board if on Election Day, you:

1. Are a Canadian citizen;
2. Are at least 18 years of age;
3. Have resided in the school division or on land now in the school division for at least three consecutive months immediately preceding the day of the election;
4. Have resided in Saskatchewan for at least six consecutive months immediately preceding the day of the election;
5. Are of the faith of the minority that established the separate school division; for example, if the separate school division was established for people of the Roman Catholic faith, then you must be of the Roman Catholic faith. However, if the Pope in Rome is recognized as the leader of your church, for example, Ukrainian Catholic, you are considered a member of the minority Catholic faith thereby becoming an “elector” for the Roman Catholic separate school board.

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VOTING IN CONSEIL SCOLAIRE FRANSASKOIS (CSF) ELECTIONS

CSF elections in Saskatchewan, including eligibility to vote, are governed by *The Education Act, 1995* and *The Conseil scolaire fransaskois Election Regulations*. You may be eligible to vote for the CSF election in addition to being eligible to vote in a public or a separate school board election.

Pursuant to definition of “voter” in section 2 of *The Education Act, 1995*, you can register to vote for the **CONSEIL SCOLAIRE FRANSASKOIS** if you:

1. Are a minority language adult, which requires that on the day of the election, you:
 - a) are a Canadian citizen;
 - b) are at least 18 years of age; and,
 - c) one of the following applies to you:
 - i. your first language learned and still understood is French;
 - ii. you received your primary school instruction in Canada in French, other than French immersion; or,
 - iii. you have a child who has received or is receiving primary or secondary school instruction in Canada in French, other than through a French immersion program.
(*The Education Act, 1995* – section 2 “minority language adult”)
2. You are a resident of Saskatchewan whose current period of residency in Saskatchewan has been for not less than six consecutive months before Election Day, and,
3. One of the following applies to you:
 - a) you have a child enrolled in a fransaskois school in a francophone education area conducting an election;
 - b) you have a child who is receiving a home-based education program that is registered with the conseil scolaire; or,
 - c) you or your child is receiving a minority language instruction program which is registered pursuant to Section 181 of *The Education Act, 1995* and who is assigned to a francophone education area for voting purposes.

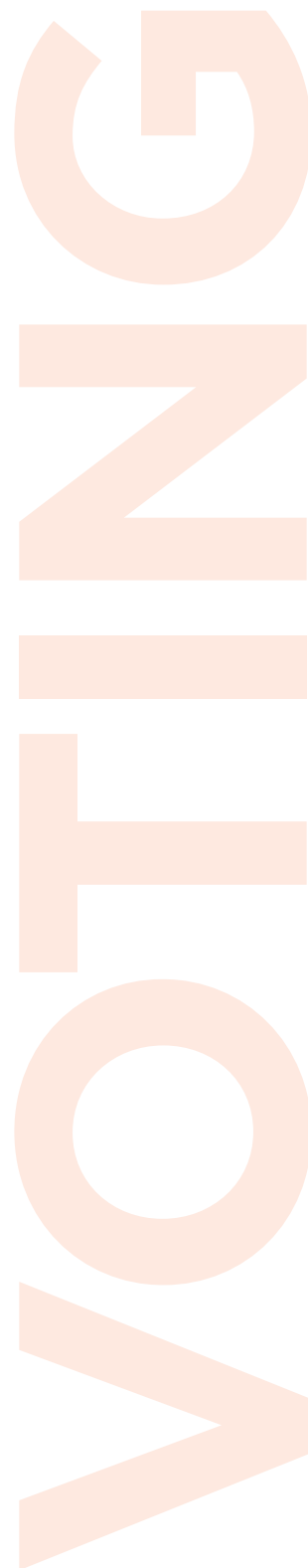
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOR VOTERS

Q. I am not a member of the minority faith that established the separate school division, but I send my children to the separate school. Can I vote for the separate school board?

A. No. You are not qualified to vote for the separate school board if you are not of the faith that established that separate school board. Where your children attend school does not affect your eligibility to vote. (*Local Government Election Act, 2015* – section 36(2))

Q. I am not a member of the minority faith that established the separate school division, but I would like to direct the school portion of my property taxes to the separate school board. Can I then vote for the separate school board?

A. No. You are not qualified to vote for the separate school board if you are not of the faith that established that separate school board. (*Local Government Election Act, 2015* – section 36(2))



Q. There is a Roman Catholic school division and a public school division where I reside. I am a member of the Roman Catholic faith. Can I register to vote for the public school board?

A. Yes. However, you can only register to vote for one school board. (*Local Government Election Act, 2015* - section 36(3))

Q. I am a member of the Roman Catholic faith and my children attend the Roman Catholic separate school. My spouse is not a member of the Roman Catholic faith. Can my spouse vote for the separate school board?

A. No. A person is eligible to vote for a separate school board only if the person is of the religious faith of the minority that established that separate school division. (*Local Government Election Act, 2015* - section 36(2))

Q. I do not live within the boundaries of the school division, but I do own property there. Can I vote in the school board election?

A. No. Only current residents who meet the eligibility criteria referenced in this document can vote in the school board elections. (*Local Government Election Act, 2015* - section 36(1)(d))

Q. Can an elector vote for the Conseil Scolaire Fransaskois (CSF) as well as the public or separate school board?

A. Yes. A minority language adult who qualifies as a “voter” under *The Education Act, 1995* and who votes for the Conseil Scolaire Francophone can also qualify as an “elector” and vote for the public or separate board of education under *The Local Government Election Act, 2015*. To register as a “voter” for the conseil scolaire elections, the individual must be a minority language adult, reside in Saskatchewan, and have a child enrolled in a fransaskois school, home-based education program registered with the conseil or whose child is receiving minority language instruction and who is assigned to a francophone education area. (*The Education Act, 1995* - section 2 “Voter” and “Minority language adult”)

Q. I am a member of the Ukrainian Catholic faith. Can I vote in the Roman Catholic separate school board election?

A. Yes. As a Ukrainian Catholic, you recognize the Pope in Rome as the leader of your church, and as such are considered to be a member of the minority Catholic faith, thereby becoming an “elector” for the Roman Catholic separate school board.

Q. There is a Roman Catholic school division and a public school division where I reside. I am a member of the Ukrainian Catholic faith. Can I vote in the public school board elections?

A. Yes. However, you can only register to vote for one school board. (*Local Government Election Act, 2015* - section 36(3))

Q. Where do I vote?

A. You may call your school division’s or the CSF’s returning officer to find out where your specific polling place is located. (Please contact your local school division to obtain contact information for the returning officer.)

Q. How do I register to vote?

A. You can register to vote at your polling place on Election Day.

