

## ELECTIONS QUEBEC

*How can I have my name (or my adult child's name) entered on the English voters' list?*

You can contact your local English school board for more information,

or

The Chief Electoral Officer of Quebec at:

E-mail/courriel  
[info@electionsquebec.qc.ca](mailto:info@electionsquebec.qc.ca)

Téléphone (418) 528-0422 or  
1 888 ÉLECTION (1 888 353-2846)

Fax  
(418) 643-7291 or/ou  
1-866-225-4095 (toll free/sans frais)



## ARE YOU REGISTERED?

*To be eligible to vote in Quebec you must:*

Have attained 18 years of age; be a Canadian citizen; have been domiciled in Quebec for six months; and domiciled on the board's territory for six months; not be under curatorship; not have been found guilty of a corrupt electoral practice.

### CONTACT US

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514-849-5900  
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## ENGLISH VOTERS' LIST

**QESBA**

QUEBEC ENGLISH SCHOOL  
BOARDS ASSOCIATION

## EXERCISING YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE FOR ENGLISH SCHOOL BOARDS

All adult citizens of Quebec and Canada are placed on a permanent voters' list for all national, provincial and municipal elections. Citizens also hold the right to vote in democratically-elected English school boards in Quebec.

In 1998, following the restructuring of the province's education system from denominational to linguistic school boards, two separate voters' lists, one specifically for English school boards was created. At the time, the law stipulated that any parent would automatically be removed from the permanent English voters' list to be placed on the French list as soon as their youngest child graduated from high school. That change could only be reversed if the parent made a written request to Quebec's Chief Electoral Officer.



In 2006, The Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) successfully lobbied the Quebec government to have this problem addressed. Now, any parent having a child who graduated after June 2007 will remain on the English voters' list. However, if your youngest child graduated before June 2007, your name, has by default, been removed from the English voters'

Unfortunately, the change does not help citizens who are about to attain the right to vote. A child who graduates from the English system, once they turn 18 and thus acquire the right to vote, will automatically be placed on the French voters' list for school board elections.

## GETTING ON THE LIST

Obtain a registration form from the Chief Electoral Officer ([www.dgeq.qc.ca](http://www.dgeq.qc.ca)) or your local school board.or;

You can also register on the English list during the electoral period every four years when a Board of Revision is in place, assigned by the school board Returning Officer. For location, dates and times, please contact your local school board.

After careful analysis, the Quebec English School Boards Association has found that 15 to 20 per cent of former English school board voters are now on the French voters' list. That does not include further losses as graduating English students are automatically placed on the French voters' list. It is important to the future of our democratically elected English public school system that these losses be recovered.

You can, at any time, be placed on the English voters' list outside the electoral period by calling your local school board or the Chief Electoral Officer of Quebec.

