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guide to

2025

**FEDERAL
ELECTION**



FREQUENTLY ASKED

DO I NEED TO REGISTER?

If you're already registered, but you've moved since September 2021, it's possible that your voter information card will go to your old address. You need to update your information to make sure that you receive the card in time, at the right address.

HOW CAN I VOTE BY MAIL?

You need to apply to vote by mail once elections are called.

If you don't live in Canada, you can also apply to vote by mail but you must meet certain eligibility criteria.

WHAT IF I'M IN CANADA BUT OUTSIDE OF MY RIDING ON ELECTION DAY?

You have options:

- Advance polls on the 10th, 9th, 8th and 7th day before election day.
- A special ballot within your riding or outside your riding. You'll need to apply through [Elections.ca](https://elections.ca) for that.

QUESTIONS

CHECKLIST

REMEMBER

STEP ONE: REGISTER TO VOTE

Use [Elections.ca](https://elections.ca) to confirm or update your info.

You can register to vote at the polls on election day, but registering ahead of time will help make the process faster. If your address is up to date, you'll receive a voter information card in the mail. That will tell you when, where and how to vote.

STEP TWO: RESEARCH POLITICAL PARTIES

Who should you vote for? Well, that's up to you.

To help you make an informed decision, we collected information on where the Liberal, Conservative, New Democratic and Green parties of Canada stand when it comes to *The Green Line's* five pillars of livability: housing, jobs, food, commuting and health.

The summaries presented in this zine are based on publicly available policy promises.* We'll keep updating the bullet points on [THEGREENLINE.TO](https://thegreenline.to), so head there for the latest info.

STEP THREE: GO OUT AND VOTE

Don't forget to bring your ID!

To vote in the federal election, you have to prove your identity and address at the polls. [Elections.ca](https://elections.ca) has the details on what forms of IDs are accepted.

LIST

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FACT CHECK

a.k.a. how we put these bullet points together

Usually, you'd go to the election platforms for policy promises from each party. By the time of printing, no platforms from any of the major parties have been released. So, we dug online and reached out to the four national parties to put together the bullet points you see in these guides. The Liberal, Conservative and New Democratic parties did not respond to our requests for comment. The Green Party sent us their response by email for commuting and food. This guide omits the Bloc Québécois as they don't run candidates in our province.

In most cases, we referred to policies posted on the parties' websites. If we didn't find the answers, we looked at their press releases, scrums, media comments and social media posts. We also referred to party policy books when more up-to-date policy information wasn't available. Party policy books are generally determined by party members voting on resolutions at party conventions. They may not reflect the positions of party leaders, especially in the case of a new leader being elected after a party's most recent convention, such as in the case of Liberal Party leader Mark Carney.

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Policy promises on...

HEALTH

LIBERAL

- Provide dental care and pharmacare for everyone who needs it
- Implement mutual recognition of health professional credentials to increase interprovincial mobility in our health-care system
- Tie Canada Health Transfers to annual public reporting by provinces/territories on how their health-care dollars are spent

NDP

- Update the Canada Health Act to stop corporations from giving patients a bill for health care
- Give clear direction to the provinces, requiring them to cover more services, including health care by phone, laptop or in a clinic, and back it up by modernizing the Canada Health Act
- Ensure provinces bring in laws to go after the corporations who charge Canadians for the health care they need

CPC

- Allow flexibility for the provinces and territories in the implementation of health services, including a balance of public and private delivery options
- Support doctors, nurses, and others in the option to refuse to participate in, or refer their patients for abortion, assisted suicide, or euthanasia
- Support domestic research, development and production of vaccines
- Affirm Canadians have the freedom and right to refuse vaccines for moral, religious, medical or other reasons
- Support the elimination of the GST on essential products for motherhood and the arrival of a newborn baby

GREEN

- Provide stable, long-term funding to provinces and territories
- Train and hire more health-care workers to improve access and cut wait times
- Expand home care and community care
- Ensure access to reproductive care across Canada invest in public health care instead of allowing for-profit corporations to deliver more services



Policy promises on...

COMMUTING

LIBERAL

- Pursue mutual recognition of trucking licenses, safety certifications and vehicle standards
- Crack down on anti-competitive and monopolistic practices so companies will have to compete to reduce the costs of travel for Canadians
- Begin the processes required for the planning and construction of a new, distinct electric high-speed rail line, starting with the Windsor to Quebec City corridor
- Develop an affordable, accessible, modern and practical rail system for public transportation
- Create a fund that will cover the costs to incentivize the closure of major commercial streets to car traffic and test the scalability of such projects across cities in Canada

CPC

- Promote a new framework for increased domestic and foreign airline competition in Canada
- Support public-private infrastructure investment as part of a comprehensive approach to improving and sustaining a world-class transportation system
- Support the reduction or elimination of federal government fees, levies, taxes and rents associated with Canada's national transportation system
- Support rail infrastructure across Canada, including high-speed passenger rail where warranted

GREEN

- Call for major investments in public transit, including electrifying bus fleets, expanding light and high-speed rail service and ensuring affordable access
- Allow cities to use federal transit funding for operations, such as hiring more drivers and reducing fares
- Support fare-free transit in urban centres and better intercity transportation options to reduce car dependence and emissions
- Promote active transportation by investing in cycling and walking infrastructure

NDP

- Accelerate the transition to zero-emission buildings and transportation
- Direct infrastructure stimulus spending in a strategic way to focus on public transit
- Ensure that public transit and infrastructure increase the social inclusion and participation of people with disabilities

Policy promises on...

HOUSING

LIBERAL

- Eliminate the GST for first-time homebuyers on homes under \$1 million
- Expand access to funding and low-interest loans delivered by CMHC for small and non-profit builders
- Double non-profit community housing, including co-op housing
- Reduce fees, levies and taxes to drive down the cost of building, and accelerate permitting approvals
- Expand the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund beyond water and wastewater systems to include other critical infrastructure

NDP

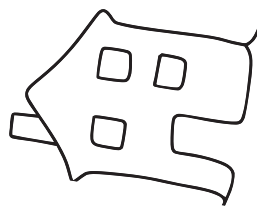
- Invest in the construction of affordable housing and social housing
- Develop a housing plan that includes measures to protect renters
- Invest in the National Indigenous Collaborative Housing Inc. (NICHI)

GREEN

- Use covenants to make sure housing built with public money stays affordable forever
- Close loopholes to "stop criminals from using real estate to hide dirty money"
- Eliminate the tax advantages for Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)
- Stop corporations from buying up single family homes

CPC

- Eliminate the GST on all new homes under \$1 million
- Tie federal infrastructure dollars to housing construction
- Remove the GST on the building of any new housing with rental prices below market value
- Withhold transit and infrastructure funding from cities until high-density housing around transit stations is built and occupied
- Sell off 15 per cent of the federal government's 37,000 buildings to turn them into housing



Policy promises on...

FOOD

LIBERAL

- Reduce grocery prices by cracking down on grocery company monopolies and anti-competitive practices
- Increase direct payments to farmers and fisheries that provide ecological goods and services
- Help farmers develop their environmental farm plan and support low-emissions farming
- Implement measures to improve nitrogen, manure, livestock, soil, wetland and tree management

NDP

- Lower daily and monthly costs for people by removing the GST from grocery store items including pre-prepared meals
- Implement reforms to the Agri-food Pilot

GREEN

- Hold corporations like Loblaws accountable to stop price-gouging in grocery stores
- Support building stronger local food systems by investing in small-scale farmers, reducing food waste and increasing food security
- Back policies that promote organic and regenerative farming
- Ensure clear food labelling
- Support a transition away from harmful pesticides
- Support tariffs on food imports from countries with weaker environmental and animal welfare protections
- Advocate for a national school food program with procurement policies that support Canadian agriculture

CPC

- Ensure accurate labelling of ingredients and countries of origin
- Ensure more rigorous safety testing of imported food products
- Support self-sufficiency in national food production, including increased diversification in the types of foods and agricultural products produced
- Support supply management and its goal to deliver a high quality product to consumers for a fair price with a reasonable return to the producer
- Support the Department of Fisheries and Oceans as the single regulator and enforcement body



Policy promises on...

JOBS

LIBERAL

- Incentivize the application of AI across our economy to provide better services and create high-paying jobs for Canadians
- Create jobs through investment in cross-border infrastructure and upgrading of Canada's transportation network
- Amend the Canada Labour Code to provide a basic entitlement of: four weeks of paid vacation for every completed year of employment, up to five weeks of paid vacation after five consecutive years with the same employer and up to six weeks of paid vacation after 10 consecutive years with the same employer

NDP

- Remove barriers to accessing Canada's Employment Insurance by reducing the threshold for qualifying to a universal 360-hour standard
- Extend the duration of benefits to 50 weeks
- Increase the benefit level to two-thirds of insurable earnings with a minimum weekly benefit of \$450
- Undertake a large public infrastructure-building program that would create jobs for Canadian construction and trades workers

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- Invest in clean power projects that create and provide training for thousands of jobs
- Support strong unions to protect workers' rights
- Ensure guaranteed livable income to protect people through these changes
- Enforce clear rules about supporting disabled workers

CPC

- Use most of collected tariffs for tax cuts, with a small sum set aside for workers hit by trade war
- Knock down interprovincial barriers to help replace lost north-south trade with east-west trade and to make Canada self-reliant
- Support the right of union workers to a secret ballot in any strike vote and in all union elections

