



Newfoundland and Labrador Election Handbook



Vote

May 16, 2019



On Thursday May 16, 2019 the citizens of Newfoundland and Labrador will choose their next provincial government. As a member of the Canadian Snowbird Association (CSA), now is the time to ensure your voice is heard!

Take the time to learn where your local candidates stand on these important issues. Do they support your right to travel? What will they do on your behalf?

We don't want election promises! We want fair treatment!

Karen L. Huestis

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President
Canadian Snowbird Association



Access To Emergency Health Coverage When Travelling

Newfoundland and Labrador does not reimburse emergency health services obtained abroad at the same rates as in-province services. This contravenes sub-paragraph 11(1)(b)(ii) of the

Canada Health Act. The province reimburses emergency in-patient care to a maximum of up to \$350 per day in a community or regional hospital and a maximum of up to \$465 per day in a tertiary or specialized hospital, while it pays \$705 per day for the same services at home.

In addition, Newfoundland and Labrador reimburses emergency out-patient services at a rate of \$62 per day, below the average per day rate paid for similar in-province service in other jurisdictions. Out-of-country emergency physician care is paid at Newfoundland and Labrador rates.



Question

Does your local candidate support the portability principle of the *Canada Health Act*? Do they support reimbursing emergency in-patient and out-patient services required by travellers at the same rate per day as that paid for similar services within the province? Do they support updating these rates to match changes in real costs?



Preservation of Health Coverage for Frequent Travellers

Newfoundlanders and Labradorians must reside in the province for at least four consecutive months in each

12-month period to maintain health benefits. A provincial resident may retain coverage while absent from the province for up to 12 consecutive months by obtaining an Out-of-Province Coverage Certificate from the Medical Care Plan. Immediately following the return from this 12-month trip, the traveller must remain in the province for four consecutive months. Subsequent certificates will only be issued for up to eight months. This provides a maximum of twelve months out-of-province coverage to eligible beneficiaries.



Question

Does your local candidate support allowing for an unlimited number of short-term trips to anywhere in the world, provided that the traveller maintains his or her principal residence in the province?

Do they support removing the limitation on Out-Of-Province Coverage Certificates?



Access to Prescription Drugs For Use During Travel **Question**

Beneficiaries of Newfoundland and Labrador's provincial drug program travelling outside the province for vacation only for more than 100 days will be allowed to obtain up to two prescriptions (maximum of 180 day supply) for the same medication before leaving Newfoundland and Labrador. This is an increase from the previous limit of a 90-day supply. Prescription drug reimbursement is considered for beneficiaries who, while out of province for travel or non-medical purposes, experience a medical emergency requiring hospitalization and new medications. According to the Department of Health and Community Services, medical emergencies include: heart attack, stroke, accident resulting in bodily injury, cancer and other medical conditions as approved by the Pharmaceutical Services Division.



Does your local candidate support providing drug program coverage for a supply of medication sufficient for the length of time that an individual may be absent from the province without losing health coverage?

Will they support reimbursing the cost of medication prescribed by appropriately accredited physicians and dispensed outside the province at the same rate as if purchased in the province?

Registered Provincial Political Parties

Contact information to conduct election platform inquiries

Liberal Party of Newfoundland and Labrador

Dwight Ball

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St. John's, NL A1B 3Y8

Tel: 709-754-1813
Fax: 709-726-7164
Email: info@nlliberals.ca

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The Newfoundland and Labrador New Democratic Party

Alison Coffin

P.O. Box 5275 Stn. C
St. John's, NL A1C 5W1

Tel: 709-739-6387
Fax: 709-579-6371
Email: info@nl.ndp.ca

www.nl.ndp.ca

Progressive Conservative Party of Newfoundland and Labrador

Ches Crosbie

P.O. Box 8551
St. John's, NL A1B 3P2

Tel: 709-753-6043
Fax: 709-753-6059
E-mail: info@pcparty.nl.ca

www.pcnl.ca

For a full list of registered political parties in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador please visit www.elections.gov.nl.ca

Election Date and Times

Election Day is **Thursday May 16, 2019**.
Polls will be open from **8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**
local time, 7:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. in parts of Labrador.



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Special Ballot Voting

Any elector who has reason to believe that he or she will have difficulty voting on polling day in the polling division in which they are ordinarily resident, may vote by Special Ballot. Special Ballot Voting is a process whereby a person completes an application and, if approved, is forwarded a kit for completion. The kit, once completed, may be dropped off to the district returning officer or returned to the Chief Electoral Office.

Who Is Eligible To Vote By Special Ballot?

Every person including:

- an elector who has reason to believe that he/she will have difficulty voting on polling day perhaps due to work or personal commitments;
- a student who is in attendance at a recognized educational institution either inside or outside the Province;
- an elector temporarily residing outside the Province for a continuous period of less than 6 months who is unable to attend at either the advance or regular poll;
- an elector who is incarcerated in a correctional institution or in detention at the Waterford Hospital;
- a patient in hospital who will be unable to attend either the advance or regular poll.

What Qualifications Have to be Met?

In order to apply for a Special Ballot a qualified elector must be:

- at least 18 years of age on polling day;
- a Canadian Citizen;
- ordinarily resident in the district and polling division on polling day; and,
- ordinarily resident in the Province the day before polling day.

Where Can I Get An Application for a Special Ballot?

Applications can be obtained by:

- Contacting Elections Newfoundland and Labrador at (Local or Toll-Free): (1-877) 729-7987
- Contacting the Returning Officer for the electoral district whose name, address and telephone number will be publicly advertised
- Sending an email to the Elections Newfoundland and Labrador Special Ballot team (specialballot@gov.nl.ca)
- Downloading the Special Ballot application from www.elections.gov.nl.ca

What Information Must Accompany the Application?

- the name of the applicant and the current address of the applicant's residence in the Province;
- the applicant's mailing address;
- the applicant's date of birth;
- proof of the applicant's identity by including:
 - the name of the applicant and the current address of the applicant's residence in the Province
 - the applicant's mailing address
 - the elector's signature

Note: If the applicant has no identification please consult the Chief Electoral Office.

Returning a Completed Application

- By emailing a scanned copy of the application and supporting documents to the Special Ballot team at specialballot@gov.nl.ca
- By faxing applications and supporting documentation to (709) 729-5671
- By mailing or hand delivering it to the district returning office where you would ordinarily vote or to the Elections NL Office

Are You on the Voters List?

Elections Newfoundland and Labrador updates the Voters List on a continuous basis. They advise that you contact them if you:

- recently turned 18 years of age
- moved residence
- recently moved to Newfoundland and Labrador or
- changed your name

You may also contact them to confirm that you are on the list or to confirm your correct electoral district.

You may contact Elections Newfoundland at 1-877-729-7987 or you can download an application to be placed on the Voters List at www.elections.gov.nl.ca

Advance Polls

Advance polls will be open on **Thursday May 9, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.** (half an hour earlier in most of Labrador).

Elections Newfoundland and Labrador Information

Regular Hours of Operation:

Mon - Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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St. John's, NL
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Toll Free: 1-877-729-7987

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