



Quebec Election Handbook



Vote
October 1, 2018



On Monday October 1, 2018 the residents of Québec 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!

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Access To Emergency Health Coverage When Travelling



Similar to the majority of provinces, the government of Québec does not satisfy the portability principle of the *Canada Health Act*. Rather than reimburse residents for out-of-country emergency health care at provincial rates, the maximum payment by the Régie for in-patient emergency services is \$100 CAD per day while the maximum payment for emergency out-patient services is \$50 CAD per day. Additionally, the Régie reimburses a maximum of \$220 CAD per hemodialysis treatment including the cost of related medication.

The Québec government needs to reimburse residents at in-province rates for emergency medical services obtained outside of Canada rather than offer a fraction of the actual cost as is the current practice. Moreover, the province needs to continue to update these rates in order to match changes in real costs.

Question

Do your local candidates support upholding the portability principle of the *Canada Health Act*?

Do they support reimbursing emergency in-patient and out-patient health services obtained while outside of Canada at the same rate as services required while present in Québec?

Do they support continually updating these reimbursement rates to reflect changing costs?



Preservation of Provincial Health Coverage for Frequent Travellers



In order to maintain coverage under the Québec Health Insurance Plan, residents of Québec must be physically present in the province for six months in a calendar year. In addition, Québec residents are also permitted to take an unlimited number of short-term trips of 21 days or less which will not count against the six month requirement. Individuals who spend longer than 183 days outside of Québec may retain provincial coverage on the condition that such an absence does not occur more than once every seven years, or, with proper documentation, they can demonstrate that they were unable to return to Québec due to hospitalization.

The Canadian Snowbird Association recommends that the government of Québec amend its current policy in order to extend the amount of time residents can generally spend outside of the province from six to eight months while continuing to allow for an unlimited number of short-term trips.

Question

Do your local candidates support amending policy to allow residents of Québec to travel internationally for up to eight months, not including an unlimited number of short-term trips, while preserving their provincial health benefits?



Access to Prescription Drugs When Travelling

Question

Do your local candidates support amending legislation to permit, at the discretion of physicians and pharmacists, travellers to be covered for a supply of prescription medication equal to the permitted travel time out of the province?

The Régie de l'assurance maladie advises residents temporarily leaving Québec to ask their pharmacist whether they may obtain the prescription drugs they will need during their absence. Generally, Québec will not reimburse residents for prescription drugs purchased outside of the province. There is, however, an exception for prescription drugs purchased near the Québec border, but only in cases where there is no in-province pharmacy within a 32-kilometre radius.

Québec needs to enshrine, in clear legislation, the right of travellers to a supply of prescription medication at least equal to six consecutive months. Moreover, the Québec government should reimburse the cost of medication prescribed by appropriately accredited physicians and dispensed outside Québec.



Registered Provincial Political Parties

Contact information to conduct election platform inquiries

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Contact Information

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1 866 225-4095 *(toll-free in Québec)*

E-mail: info@electionsquebec.qc.ca
www.electionsquebec.qc.ca

For a full list of registered political parties in the province of Québec please visit www.electionsquebec.qc.ca

Advance Polls

If you will be absent from Québec on election day, you may cast your ballot beforehand at an advance polling station.

Advance polls will be held on **Sunday, September 23** and **Monday, September 24** from **9:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.** local time.

The dates, times and locations of advance polls will be available on the notice distributed by

the Directeur général des élections du Québec at the beginning of the election period. During the election, this information will also be available online at www.electionsquebec.qc.ca.

To vote in the advance polls, electors must present one of the following pieces of identification: Health insurance card, Driver's licence, Canadian passport, Certificate of Indian Status or Canadian Armed Forces identification card.

The second document must contain your name and the address of your domicile in Québec, such as a: driver's licence, lease, electricity bill or hospital card.

Submit your finished application and required documentation by using one of the following methods:

By mail:

Directeur général des élections du Québec
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3460, rue de La Pérade
Québec (Québec) G1X 3Y5
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By fax: 418-643-7291 or 1 866 225-4095
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Alternatively, you can register to vote outside the province online at www.electionsquebec.qc.ca.

Once you have submitted your registration form to the Directeur général des élections du Québec, you will receive an information package containing all required materials including the ballot paper and the list of locations where you can consult the candidates of all of the electoral divisions of Québec. The list will also be made available on the website of the Directeur général des élections du Québec at www.electionsquebec.qc.ca.

Lastly, complete the ballot and send it to the office of the Directeur général des élections du Québec in Québec City. It is important to ensure that your ballot is received by 8:00 p.m. local time on election day. The elector assumes all costs related to the submission of their completed ballot.

Five Additional Days

If you are unable to vote during the advance polls or on election day, you may complete a ballot at the office of your returning officer on one of the following dates:

- September 21, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- September 22, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- September 25, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- September 26, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- September 27, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Contact information for the returning officers can be obtained online at www.electionsquebec.qc.ca or by calling 1-888-ELECTION (1-888-353-2846) anytime during the election period.

Elections Québec Information

Can I vote if my name is not on the list of electors?

In order to exercise your right to vote you *must* be registered on the list of electors.

How do I register to vote or correct an error?

From September 10 to September 27, 2018:

- Go to the office of your returning officer, at the address shown on the information card that you received by mail. You can also find the address online.
- Present one or more supporting documents which, together, indicate your name, date of birth and address (examples: valid driver's licence, birth certificate, health insurance card, telephone bill or electricity bill).

For returning office locations and hours of operation, please visit www.electionsquebec.qc.ca or call **1-888-ELECTION (1-888-353-2846)** during the election period.

Absentee Voting

Am I qualified?

In order to vote while away, voters must meet the following four conditions:

1. You are a qualified elector on polling day, meaning:
 - You are 18 years of age or older;
 - You are a Canadian citizen;
 - You are not under curatorship;
 - You have not been deprived of your election rights.
2. When you left Québec, you had been domiciled in the province for at least 12 consecutive months;
3. You intend to return to Québec;
4. You have been temporarily absent from Québec for two years or less.

When should I apply?

The Directeur général des élections du Québec advises that voters, wishing to exercise their right to vote while outside of Québec, should submit their application for entry by at least the 19th day before polling day.

What is the process?

Complete the "application to vote by Mail for electors outside Québec" provided by the Directeur général des élections du Québec and attach photocopies of **2** identification documents.

One document must indicate your name and date of birth, such as a: passport, birth certificate, citizenship certificate or health insurance card.



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