

# Will you be away at school during

# THE BIG EVENT?

Don't worry.... ELECTIONS NWT has you covered.

## 2011 NWT GENERAL ELECTION

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be prepared*

**GET ON THE VOTERS LIST  
BY REGISTERING ONLINE**

### ELIGIBILITY

First of all, to be eligible to vote you must:

- be a Canadian citizen
- be 18 years of age or older, on or before the day you are issued a ballot, and
- have lived in the Northwest Territories for the past 12 months.

If you were away from the territory last year to attend school, but are ordinarily resident in the NWT, then you are still eligible to vote.

### REGISTRATION

Your name and residential address must be on the NWT voters list before you can vote.

This is particularly crucial for students.

If your name is not on the voters list by Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011, then you will not be eligible to request a Special Ballot. Without a Special Ballot, you cannot vote from outside of the territory.

Register early to be certain that your name is on the list.

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### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### Where is my place of ordinary residence?

Your place of ordinary residence is the community in the NWT where you live when you're not at school. For many students, this is the community where your parents live.

#### Which electoral district am I voting in?

You will cast your ballot for a candidate in the electoral district

in which you are ordinarily resident. If you are not in the electoral district during the election period, you may cast your ballot using a Special Ballot or a Multi-District Poll.

#### What is a Special Ballot?

A Special Ballot is a mail-in ballot. It is available for those living or travelling outside of the territory for an extended time, when that period of time overlaps with an

election. All Special Ballots come with instructions. Voting by Special Ballot can only be done if your name is on the voters list before Friday, September 9, 2011. Completed ballots must be received by Elections NWT before 8:00 pm on Monday, October 3, 2011.

#### What is a Multi-District Poll?

Multi-District Polls are conducted at some places where territorial residents from multiple electoral dis-

tricts temporarily reside. Multi-district polls enable voters temporarily resident in one place to vote for a candidate running in the electoral district where they are ordinarily resident.

#### Do I have to apply to vote at a Multi-District Poll?

No, but your name must appear on the voters list for the electoral district in which you are ordinarily resident. Register to vote today.

[www.electionsnwt.ca](http://www.electionsnwt.ca)

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## Key Dates

Apply for a Special Ballot – Monday, September 5 until Saturday, October 1, 2011.

Vote by Special Ballot – return it BEFORE Monday, October 3, 2011.

Vote at a Multi-District Poll – on an advertised date between Monday, September 26 and Thursday, September 29, 2011.

General Polling Day—Monday, October 3, 2011.

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## Stay in Touch

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### VOTE BY SPECIAL BALLOT

A Special Ballot is mailed to you so that you may select a candidate from the electoral district where you are ordinarily resident.

Special Ballots may be requested by contacting the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer. Go to [www.electionsnwt.ca](http://www.electionsnwt.ca).

If you plan to vote by Special Ballot, you are strongly encouraged to apply to the Chief Electoral Officer as early as possible after the issue of the writ on September 5, 2011.

If you plan to be away from home during the election, there are at least two ways to cast your ballot.

### VOTE AT A MULTI-DISTRICT POLL

A Multi-District Poll is where Elections NWT brings 19 ballots boxes to one location.

Multi-District Polls will be conducted at some places where territorial residents from multiple electoral districts temporarily reside, such as college campuses. Voting at a Multi-District

You may request a Special Ballot from Monday, September 5, 2011 until Saturday, October 1, 2011.

Don't delay. We have to send your Special Ballot and instructions by mail – and then you have to mail your completed ballot back to us.

Your Special Ballot must be received at the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer in Yellowknife BEFORE the polls close at 8 pm on Monday, October 3, 2011.

Poll is very similar to voting at a community polling station.

You will need to be registered to vote and will need to show proper identification.

Most importantly, you will need to prove your residential address in the community where you are ordinarily resident (e.g., your parents home).

Special Ballots may not be returned by email or fax.

They must be sent by mail or by courier to:

**Office of the Chief Electoral Officer**  
3rd Floor, YK Centre East  
7, 4915-48 Street  
Yellowknife, NT X1A 3S4

Register to Vote  
Do it online at



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