

Alberta's 2026 Referendum

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- Action for Healthy Communities does not support or oppose any referendum question or political party.
 - This information is intended solely to provide factual information to help Alberta residents understand the referendum process and questions.
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What is a referendum?

- On 19 October 2026, Alberta will have a referendum.
 - A **referendum** is a special type of election.
 - Usually, when an election is held in Canada, it is to elect a political party or official.
 - A referendum is to ask members of the public whether they agree or disagree with specific policies.
 - To vote in the referendum, you must:
 - Be a Canadian citizen
 - Be 18 or older
 - Live in Alberta
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Secret Ballot

- Like all elections in Canada, the referendum is a **secret ballot**.
 - A secret ballot means that your vote is private and personal to you.
 - Nobody will be able to connect how you voted to your name, your address, or any personal information.
 - You **can** share how you voted if you want to.
 - No one can force you to tell them what you voted for.
 - This includes family members, friends, employers, religious groups, or any other organization.
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Where do I vote?

- You will go to a polling place.
 - Polling places are located all over Alberta. Most often, a polling place will be in a school, a community league hall, or a church.
 - Just before the election, you will get a postcard in the mail explaining which polling place is assigned to you. The place is usually very close to where you live.
 - You are **only allowed to vote at your assigned polling place.**
 - Check carefully, to make sure you go to the correct address.
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When do I vote?

- On 19 October 2026, voting will be open from 9am to 8pm at all polling places.
 - If you are going to be far from home on 19 October, you can attend early voting, which happens the week before the election.
 - Once the polls close on 19 October, you will no longer be able to vote.
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What does voting look like?

- On election day, you will arrive at the polling place.
 - You will need ID to prove that you are eligible to vote.
 - This ID should have your address, to show you are at the correct polling place.
 - An election worker will check your documents. If you are eligible, they will provide you with ballots (voting papers).
 - You will go to the voting booth, which is usually a desk with cardboard walls for privacy. You will need to go in the booth by yourself, unless you need help completing the ballot.
 - You will mark your choice in pen, and drop the ballots in the ballot boxes.
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What are the questions?

- The referendum in Alberta will ask voters 10 yes or no questions.
 - Each question has its own ballot (voting paper).
 - If you want to vote on all the questions, you will fill out 10 separate ballots.
 - Each ballot will be counted separately.
 - Your choices will not be connected to each other. You could vote “yes” to all 10, “no” to all 10, or any combination of yes/no (7 yes, 3 no; 2 yes, 8 no, and so on).
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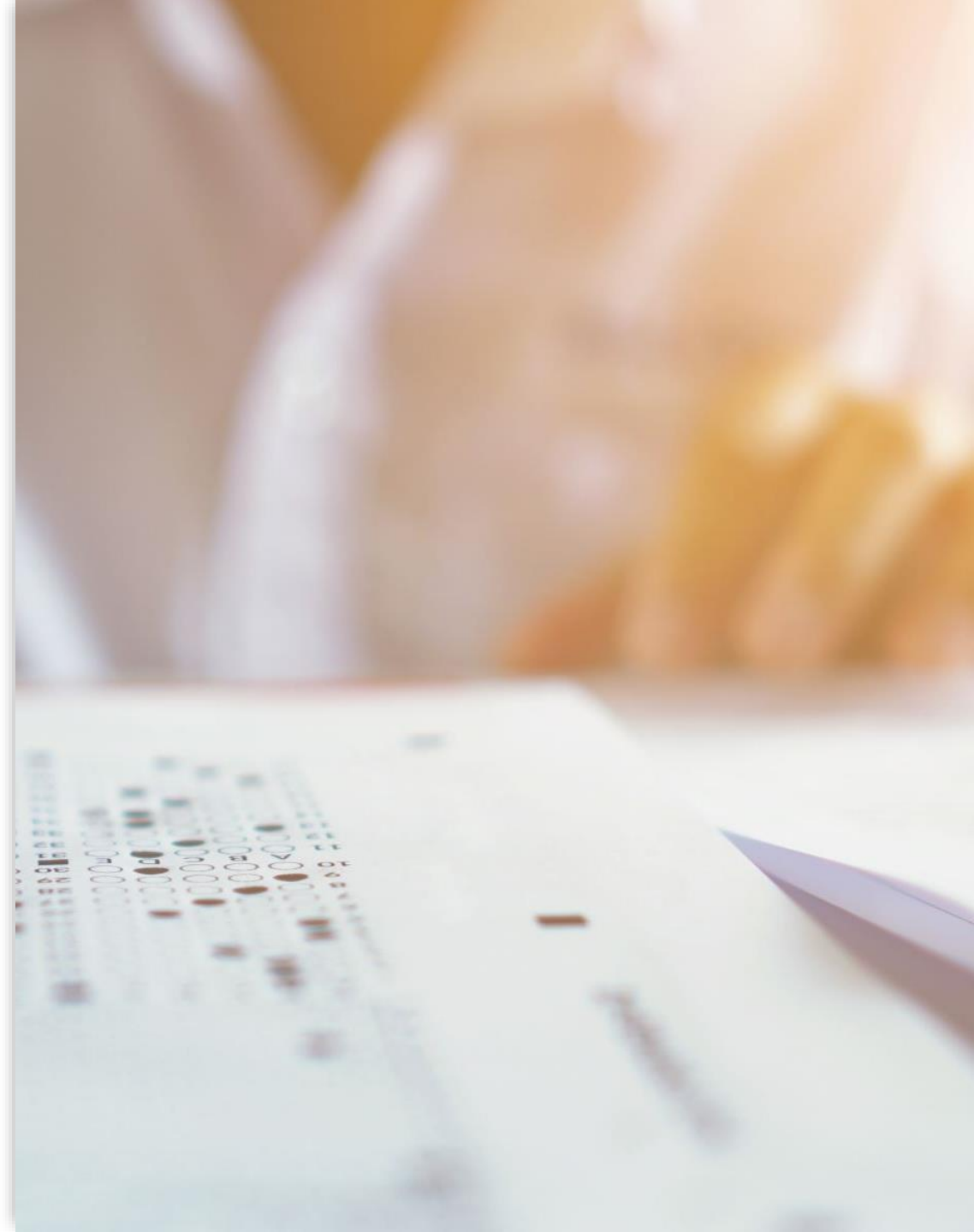


Alberta's Referendum

- These 10 questions are about:
 - Immigration
 - Canada's Constitution
 - Alberta's Place in Canada
 - Today, we will show you the wording of the questions as they will be written on election day.
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Official Source for Questions

- **Elections Alberta** is in charge of Alberta's elections.
- It manages Alberta's elections, to make sure that they are fair and accessible to all voters throughout the province.
- Elections Alberta is not associated with any political party or elected official.
- Elections Alberta's website for the referendum is:
 - <https://www.elections.ab.ca/elections/referendum/>





Question 1

1. Do you support the Government of Alberta taking increased control over immigration for the purposes of decreasing immigration to more sustainable levels, prioritizing economic migration and giving Albertans first priority on new employment opportunities?

Government of Alberta Resource: <https://albertareferendum2026.ca/immigration-questions/>

Additional Information: <https://www.muttart.org/the-muttart-foundations-response-to-the-immigration-questions-included-as-part-of-the-october-19th-2026-provincial-referendum/>



Question 2

2. Do you support the Government of Alberta introducing a law mandating that only Canadian citizens, permanent residents and individuals with an Alberta-approved immigration status will be eligible for provincially funded programs, such as health care, education and other social services?

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Question 3

3. Assuming that all Canadian citizens and permanent residents continue to qualify for social support programs as they do now, do you support the Government of Alberta introducing a law requiring all individuals with a non-permanent legal immigration status to reside in Alberta for at least 12 months before qualifying for any provincially funded social support programs?

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Additional Information: <https://www.muttart.org/the-muttart-foundations-response-to-the-immigration-questions-included-as-part-of-the-october-19th-2026-provincial-referendum/>



Question 4

4. Assuming that all Canadian citizens and permanent residents continue to qualify for public health care and education as they do now, do you support the Government of Alberta charging a reasonable fee or premium to individuals with a non-permanent immigration status living in Alberta for their and their family's use of the health care and education systems?

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Question 5

5. Do you support the Government of Alberta introducing a law requiring individuals to provide proof of citizenship, such as a passport, birth certificate, or citizenship card, to vote in an Alberta provincial election?

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Additional Information: <https://www.muttart.org/the-muttart-foundations-response-to-the-immigration-questions-included-as-part-of-the-october-19th-2026-provincial-referendum/>



Question 6

6. Do you support the Government of Alberta working with the governments of other willing provinces to amend the Canadian Constitution to have provincial governments, and not the federal government, select the justices appointed to provincial King's Bench and Appeal courts?

Government of Alberta Resource: <https://albertareferendum2026.ca/constitutional-questions/>



Question 7

7. Do you support the Government of Alberta working with the governments of other willing provinces to amend the Canadian Constitution to abolish the unelected federal Senate?

In Canada, we have two levels of Parliament.

- One is elected, where politicians are chosen by voters.
- The other, the Senate, is not elected. Senators are chosen by the Prime Minister.

Government of Alberta Resource: <https://albertareferendum2026.ca/constitutional-questions/>



Question 8

8. Do you support the Government of Alberta working with the governments of other willing provinces to amend the Canadian Constitution to allow provinces to opt out of federal programs that intrude on provincial jurisdiction such as health care, education and social services, without a province losing any of the associated federal funding for use in its social programs?

Government of Alberta Resource: <https://albertareferendum2026.ca/constitutional-questions/>



Question 9

9. Do you support the Government of Alberta working with the governments of other willing provinces to amend the Canadian Constitution to better protect provincial rights from federal interference by giving a province's laws dealing with provincial or shared areas of constitutional jurisdiction priority over federal laws when the province's laws and federal laws conflict?

Government of Alberta Resource: <https://albertareferendum2026.ca/constitutional-questions/>



Question 10

10. Should Alberta remain a province of Canada, or should the Government of Alberta commence the legal process required under the Canadian Constitution to hold a binding provincial referendum on whether or not Alberta should separate from Canada?

You will have two choices:

- **Option 1:** Alberta should remain a province of Canada.
 - **Option 2:** The Government of Alberta should commence the legal process required under the Canadian Constitution to hold a binding provincial referendum on whether or not Alberta should separate from Canada.
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What happens after the referendum?

- All the votes will be counted. We will learn how many people voted, and how many people voted “yes” and “no” for each question.
 - Because of how the questions are written, if 50%+1 get a “yes,” the Government of Alberta will begin the process to change laws or policies. If the question gets 50%+1 “no,” then the process will stay the same.
 - If the separation question gets 50%+1, then the Government of Alberta will hold a second referendum about separation only.
 - Usually, changing laws or policies takes at least 18 months.
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What if I have more questions?

- <https://albertareferendum2026.ca/>
- <https://www.elections.ab.ca/elections/referendum/>
- <https://www.muttart.org/the-alberta-referendum-separation-question/>
- <https://www.muttart.org/the-alberta-referendum-immigration-questions/>