

How are scrutineers appointed?

Scrutineers are appointed by a candidate using the **Scrutineer Appointment** form that is signed by the candidate.

Keep the signed **Scrutineer Appointment** form with you and show it to the Presiding Deputy Returning Officer (PDRO) at each voting station you visit.

Making a statement/oath at the voting station

When entering a voting station, you must show your **Scrutineer Appointment** form to the PDRO.

You will be asked to make a verbal statement/oath and complete the **Statement of Scrutineer** form. The signed form is kept by the PDRO.

If you leave and return to the same voting station, you do not have to repeat the statement/oath or statement form, but you must show the appointment form again.



The PDRO can ask a scrutineer to leave the voting station if there is a disturbance or if the rules are not being followed.



General rules for scrutineers

- A candidate or official agent may be a scrutineer.
- A candidate, official agent and a scrutineer cannot be in the same voting station at the same time.
- You will be given a scrutineer identification badge which must be worn while in the station and returned before leaving.
- You can leave and return to a voting station during voting hours.
- You can be a scrutineer at more than one voting station.
- To observe the ballot count, you must be inside the voting station or counting centre before it closes and cannot leave and return while the count is in progress.

Note: Rules for candidates, official agents and scrutineers at the voting station and counting centre are defined by the *Local Authorities Election Act* sections 16, 49, 53, 67, 69, 70, 71, 85, 85.1, 87, 89, 98, 98.2, 106, 108, 150 and 159.



Questions?

- Email candidates@calgary.ca or
- Call 403-476-4110



Online resources

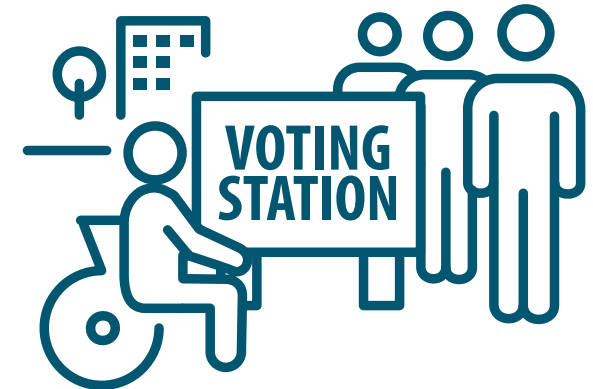
Visit [ElectionsCalgary.ca](https://electionscalgary.ca) to download the **Scrutineer Appointment** form.

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Who can be a scrutineer?

To be appointed as a scrutineer, you must:

- Be at least 18 years old.
- Not have been convicted of an election-related offense under the *Local Authorities Election Act*, *Election Act (Alberta)*, *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act* or the *Canada Elections Act* in the last 10 years.
- A candidate or their official agent can serve as a scrutineer.

Where can scrutineers observe?

The Presiding Deputy Returning Officer (PDRO) allocates a specific area within the voting station for scrutineers to watch election proceedings.

You can observe at voting stations for:

- Election Day.
- Advance Vote.
- Care facilities where the voting station is in a common area.
- Check **ElectionsCalgary.ca** for a complete list of voting stations and care facilities.

Scrutineers are also permitted at:

- The counting centre.
- Locations identified for recounts (if required).
- Scrutineers will receive additional information about observing at the counting centre upon arrival.



What a scrutineer CAN do

Before the voting station opens you may:

- Enter the voting station 15 minutes before the voting station opens.
- View ballot boxes to ensure they are empty of ballots before they are sealed.

During voting hours you may:

- Observe the activities in the voting station.

After the voting station closes you may:

- Watch the counting of ballots at each table.
- Make an objection to how any ballot is counted. The objection will be recorded.
- Sign the **Ballot Account and Result of Vote** form.



What a scrutineer CANNOT do

You cannot:

- Take a photo or make a copy of the permanent electors register.
- Interfere with the voting process.
- Object to a person voting.
- Prevent an elector from voting.
- View an elector marking their ballot.
- Assist an elector to mark a ballot.
 - An election worker can assist an elector and is sworn to secrecy.
- Campaign inside or outside the voting station or voting station property including the parking lot.
- Park a vehicle displaying election signs or materials on voting station property.
- Wear campaign materials such as buttons, t-shirts or hats.
- Talk to an elector in the voting station.
- Touch voting materials.
- Vouch for a person at the voting station.
- Participate in the counting of ballots.
- Take phone calls inside the voting station.

Any exchange of information between the scrutineer and candidate, or official agent, must take place outside of the voting station.



No pictures or videos. To protect the privacy of electors' personal information and the secrecy of their vote, photos and videos are not permitted in the voting station at any time.



- No food except in designated areas.
- Drinks (e.g. water bottles) with secure lids are permitted.
- Food and drink are not permitted on election worker tables.