

## Canadian Forces Electors and their Statement of Ordinary Residence (SOR)

As a member of the Canadian Forces, you may vote in federal elections, by-elections and referendums under the Special Voting Rules of the *Canada Elections Act*. This voting system enables you to cast your ballot wherever you may be stationed around the world and ensures that your vote is counted in the proper electoral district.

The key to making this system work is the Statement of Ordinary Residence that you completed when you enrolled in the Canadian Forces. The address you provided on this form determines the electoral district for which your vote is counted at federal electoral events.

We encourage you to verify the information on your *Statement of Ordinary Residence* now and make any changes necessary to bring your statement up-to-date.

Elections Canada is committed to ensuring that every Canadian Forces elector can exercise his or her democratic right to vote.

## Check it out!

- When was the last time you checked your *Statement* of Ordinary Residence (SOR)?
- Do you know the riding for which your vote will be counted at the next federal general election?

## How it works

- As a Canadian Forces elector, you can vote in federal electoral events, whether you are posted in Canada or abroad.
- You should have completed a *Statement of Ordinary Residence* (SOR) when you enrolled or were hired by the Canadian Forces as a teacher or administrative support staff in a Canadian Forces school.
- The address given on this form is your place of ordinary residence for electoral purposes and determines where your vote will be counted.
- A Canadian Forces elector's ordinary residence is:
  - the residence of a person who is the spouse,
     dependant, relative or next of kin of the elector;
  - the place where the elector is residing by reason of the services performed by the elector in the Canadian Forces; or
  - the place of his or her ordinary residence immediately prior to enrolment or transfer.
- Now's the time to make sure your information is up-to-date.
- An amended SOR takes effect 60 days after it is received by the Department of National Defence.

But if you wait to change it during an election, it won't take effect until 14 days after election day.

- If you want to modify your SOR, you can do it now at your unit orderly room. Ask for form DND 406 (10-95).
- The Chief Electoral Officer of Canada validates your SOR and writes in the name of the electoral district where your vote will be counted. A copy of your statement is kept on file at the unit where you are currently serving.

## Need more information?

- Contact your unit.
- Be attentive to unit orders.
- Visit the Canadian Forces JAG Intranet site at http://jag.dwan.dnd.ca/welcome\_e.html or over the Internet at www.dnd.ca/jag/
- Contact Elections Canada:
  - in writing at 257 Slater Street
     Ottawa, Ontario
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  - by telephone at 1 800 INFO-VOTE
     (1 800 463-6868), toll-free in Canada or the United States; at 001 800 514-6868, toll-free in Mexico; at (613) 993-2975 from anywhere in the world; for the hearing impaired at TTY 1 800 361-8935, toll-free in Canada and the United States
  - by fax at (613) 954-8584 or 1 800 363-4796,
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  - over the Internet at www.elections.ca under Registration.

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