

Petition Issuance

Using the timelines established in the *Recall Act*, a petition is issued by the Chief Electoral Officer after approval of an application.

Once the application is approved and the petition is issued, registered canvassers may begin to collect signatures.

How To Use These Instructions

These instructions provide a helpful—but not exhaustive—overview of the recall petition process. It is the applicant's responsibility to comply with all legislated requirements for recall petitions.

Petition Materials

To prepare to collect signatures, ready the following documents:

Application to Canvas for a Recall Petition (L-22-1503)

- Complete one (1) application per individual that will canvass on the applicant's behalf.

Recall Petition Signature Sheet (L-25-1504)

- Provide registered canvassers with signature sheets.

Notice of Recall Petition (L-25-1502)

- Provide one (1) notice to each individual who will canvass on the applicant's behalf.

Member's Response Statement (L-25-1510)

- Provide one (1) statement for each individual who will canvass on the applicant's behalf.

Recall Petition Witness Affidavit (L-22-1505)

- Provide one (1) affidavit per canvasser, as each canvasser must complete an affidavit for the signature sheets they witness.

Timeframe to Collect Signatures

- Signatures CANNOT be collected before the application is approved and the petition is issued to the applicant by Elections Alberta.
- Once the recall petition is issued, the applicant has 90 days to collect signatures.
- A petition received after the canvassing period will not be accepted.
- Once the petition is submitted, no further signatures may be added to the petition, nor any additional *Recall Petition Signature Sheets (L-25-1504)* submitted.

**Petition Issued by
Elections Alberta**

Signature
→
Collection

**End of 90-Day
Canvassing Period**

Registering Canvassers

- Canvassers must be eligible electors. They must be:
 - a Canadian citizen,
 - at least 18 years old, and
 - ordinarily resident in the electoral division for the 3 months prior the start of canvassing
- Only individuals who are registered as canvassers with Elections Alberta may collect signatures on the petition.
- Canvassers do not need to be registered electors.
- All canvassers must comply with the Code of Conduct and any guidelines for canvassing issued by the Chief Electoral Officer.
- Any number of canvassers may be used to collect signatures.

Collecting Signatures

A successful petition will contain valid signatures from eligible electors equal to at least 60% of the total number of votes cast in the most recent election in the electoral division named in the recall petition.

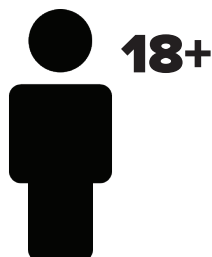
- It is recommended that additional signatures be collected in case any signatures are invalidated during the verification process.
- The *Notice of Recall Petition* (L-25-1502) and the *Member's Response Statement* (L-25-1510) must be attached to the *Recall Petition Signature Sheet* (L-25-1504) for electors to reference before signing. Each canvasser must always have a copy of L-25-1502 and L-25-1510 when collecting signatures.
- Canvassers must confirm that signatories are eligible to sign the petition.
- The physical address must be collected. **Post office boxes and mailing addresses will not be accepted.**
- Electors must sign and date the *Recall Petition Signature Sheet* (L-25-1504). **Signatures must be original; electronic or digital signatures are not accepted.**
- All information provided by the elector must be legible.
- Canvassers must fully complete the canvasser portion at the bottom of each and every *Recall Petition Signature Sheet* (L-25-1504).

Eligibility:

Canadian Citizen



18 Years of Age or Older



Ordinarily Resident in the Electoral Division for the 3 Months Prior the Start of the Canvassing Period



Submitting the Petition

The applicant must submit the recall petition to Elections Alberta on or before the last day of the petition signing period. Elections Alberta will verify the petition within 21 days of the date the petition was submitted.

The following items must be included in the recall petition submission:

1. All *Recall Petition Signature Sheets* containing original signatures (L-25-1504);
 2. A *Recall Petition Witness Affidavit* (L-22-1505) for each canvasser.
 3. All *Official Canvasser Identification Badges* (L-25-1507).
- The signature sheets must be organized by canvasser, with each canvasser's badge attached to their respective sheets.
 - Pack all submission items in labelled boxes.
 - Only original forms will be accepted. No photocopies are allowed.

Important Resources

Elections Alberta - Recall Petition
<https://www.elections.ab.ca/recall-initiative/recall/>

Process Overview - Recall Petition
<https://www.elections.ab.ca/recall-initiative/recall/recall-process/>

FAQs - Recall Petition
<https://www.elections.ab.ca/recall-initiative/recall/recall-faqs/>

Financial Rules for Authorized Participants - Recall Petition
<https://www.elections.ab.ca/recall-initiative/recall/financing-rules-for-authorized-participants/>