

Parliament and Elections



- 1 The Prime Minister visits the Governor General and recommends that they dissolve Parliament.
- 2 The Governor General dissolves Parliament. This means a federal election must be held.
- 3 Candidates campaign for voters' support.
- 4 Canadians vote for the candidate of their choice.
- 5 Official election results are announced. The candidates who receive the most votes in their ridings will become members of Parliament.
- 6 Members of Parliament are sworn in.
- 7 Parliament meets for the first time. A Speaker of the House of Commons is elected.
- 8 The Governor General opens Parliament by reading the Speech from the Throne, which sets out the government's priorities for the upcoming session.
- 9 The new group of parliamentarians proposes, debates and passes laws.