

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA  
REGULATION OF THE MINISTER OF  
EDUCATION

*Teachers Act*

Ministerial Order No. M027

I, Jennifer Whiteside, Minister of Education, order that the British Columbia Teachers' Council Regulation, B.C. Reg. 2/2012, is amended as set out in the attached Schedule.

January 14, 2021

Date



Minister of Education

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*(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)*

**Authority under which Order is made:**

Act and section: *Teachers Act*, S.B.C. 2011, c. 19, s. 81

Other: M5/2012

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## SCHEDULE

**1 Section 7 of the British Columbia Teachers' Council Regulation, B.C. Reg. 2/2012, is amended by adding the following subsection:**

- (1.1) If the election officer designated under subsection (1) is temporarily absent because of illness or another reason, the minister may designate an acting election officer to exercise the powers and perform the duties of the election officer until the election officer returns to office after the temporary absence.

**2 The following section is added:**

**Conduct of election by  
electronic means or by mail**

- 7.1** (1) The election officer must, on or before January 20, 2021, decide whether the 2021 election is to be conducted
- (a) by electronic means with voting by electronic ballots, or
  - (b) by mail with voting by paper ballots.
- (2) The 2021 election is to be conducted by electronic means or by mail in accordance with the decision of the election officer.
- (3) For certainty, sections 6, 7, 13 and 14 apply to the conduct of the 2021 election regardless of whether the election is conducted by electronic means or by mail.

**3 Section 8 (1) is amended**

- (a) *by striking out* “2018 election” *and substituting* “2021 election”, *and*  
(b) *by striking out* “January 9, 2018” *and substituting* “February 15, 2021”.

**4 Section 9 is amended**

- (a) *in subsection (1) by striking out* “distribute ballot packages in each zone within 45 days after January 9, 2018” *and substituting* “distribute, by electronic means or by mail, as applicable, ballot packages in each zone within 45 days after February 15, 2021”,

(b) *by adding the following subsection:*

- (1.1) If the election is conducted by electronic means, the ballot package must include all of the following:
- (a) a ballot containing the names of all candidates in the zone;
  - (b) instructions for completing and submitting the ballot;
  - (c) a statement from a candidate in the zone on a form approved by the election officer if the statement was provided to the election officer by the candidate on or before February 15, 2021;
  - (d) a photograph of a candidate in the zone if the photograph was provided to the election officer by the candidate on or before February 15, 2021., *and*

(c) *by repealing subsection (2) and substituting the following:*

- (2) If the election is conducted by mail, the ballot package must include all of the following:
- (a) a voter identification card;
  - (b) a ballot containing the names of all candidates in the zone;
  - (c) a secrecy envelope that has no identifying marks, in which the ballot is to be returned;
  - (d) a return envelope;
  - (e) a statement from a candidate in the zone on a form approved by the election officer if the statement was provided to the election officer by the candidate on or before February 15, 2021;
  - (f) a photograph of a candidate in the zone if the photograph was provided to the election officer by the candidate on or before February 15, 2021.

**5 Section 10 (1) is amended**

- (a) by striking out “2018 election” and substituting “2021 election”, and**
- (b) by striking out “March 20, 2018” and substituting “March 18, 2021”.**

**6 Section 11 is amended**

- (a) by striking out “if” after “must be accepted by the election officer”,**
- (b) in paragraph (a) by adding “if” before “the election officer is satisfied”,**
- (c) by striking out “and” at the end of paragraph (a) and by adding the following paragraph:**
  - (a.1) in the case of an election conducted by electronic means, if the ballot packages have not yet been distributed to certificate holders under section 9 (1), and, and**
- (d) in paragraph (b) by adding “in the case of an election conducted by mail, if” before “the ballots”.**

**7 Section 12 is amended by adding “, including a ballot in an election conducted by electronic means,” after “A ballot”.**