

# 2025 Federal Election Ten Questions for Candidates

Now that the 2025 federal election is underway, there will likely be opportunities for members to engage with their (local) candidates. To assist members in thinking about the kinds of questions they may want to ask, the CPA has identified several below:

## **Mental Health Care**

- What is your party doing to improve Canadians' access to publicly funded mental health care services, including psychological services?
- Is your party supportive of a new companion piece of federal legislation to the Canada Health Act (called the Mental Health and Substance Use Health Parity Act For All) that expands public funding for mental health care services?
- Will your party establish a separate envelope of funding for mental health care that would be transferred to the provinces and territories? If yes, how much are we talking about?
- Is your party planning on introducing tax credits to incent employers to increase their mental health coverage for their employees?

## Science

- What commitment is your party making to increase funding for psychological research (across the Tri-Councils)?
- What commitment is your party making to ensure that it bases its decision making on evidence, including psychological science?

#### **Education**

- Is your party prepared to invest in creating new schools of psychology to ensure our health systems have an adequate supply of psychologists?

## **Climate Change**

- What policies is your party proposing to address climate change and its relationship to mental health?
- What policies is your party proposing the role that psychological science can play in addressing climate change?

#### Diversity, Equity, Inclusiveness & Accessibility

- What is your party doing to promote equity, diversity inclusion and accessibility?

#### **Truth and Reconciliation**

 How has your party shown its accountability to reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples, including but not limited to the recommendations in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's report?

# Gambling

- What is your party's position on prohibiting the advertising and marketing of gambling to Canadians (Bill S-269)?

For more information on where each national political party stands on the issues, visit their website at:

Conservative Party of Canada: www.conservative.ca

Green Party of Canada: <a href="www.greenparty.ca">www.greenparty.ca</a>
Liberal Party of Canada: <a href="www.liberal.ca">www.liberal.ca</a>

New Democratic Party of Canada: <a href="https://www.ndp.ca">www.ndp.ca</a>

