

School Support Declaration

Individual



Account _____ Property Address _____
Legal Description _____

All individuals who own property located in a district where a Separate School District exists are required to file a School Support Declaration. If this property is jointly owned with a corporation, a separate declaration will have been mailed to the corporation.

Consistent with the Constitution Act, 1982 (Canada), the School Act provides:

1. That individuals who are Roman Catholic must direct their taxes in support of schools to the Roman Catholic separate school district. A Roman Catholic is defined as an individual who recognizes the Pope as head of the Church (i.e. Roman Catholic, Greek Catholic, Ukrainian Catholic)
2. That all other individuals must direct their taxes in support of schools to the public school district.
3. Where 2 or more individuals (where 1 or more is Roman Catholic) own property, they must direct their taxes in support of schools to the public school district and the Roman Catholic separate school district in proportion to their ownership. Joint owners are deemed to own the property in equal shares, e.g. two property owners, one Roman Catholic and the other one is not: 50% Public, 50% Separate; or three property owners all having equal shares, one Roman Catholic, and the other two are not: 66.7% Public, 33.3% Separate.

Therefore, I declare that I am of the Roman Catholic Faith:

Owner Name _____ Yes No Signature _____
Date _____

Owner Name _____ Yes No Signature _____
Date _____

Submit this form by:

Mail: City of Edmonton, PO Box 1935 Station Main, Edmonton AB, T5J 2P3

Email: taxes@edmonton.ca

Questions? Call: 311 (780-442-5311 if outside Edmonton) or email: taxes@edmonton.ca

Facts Sheet

- In the City of Edmonton, both a public and a Roman Catholic separate school district exist in the same area.
- When property is sold, the purchaser is required to file a School Support Declaration with the City of Edmonton.
- In addition, property owners can, at any time, file a new School Support Declaration or change an existing School Support Declaration.
- A School Support Declaration filed by a property owner is effective in the taxation year following the year in which the School Support Notice is filed.
- Individual property owners who are Roman Catholic must direct their property taxes to the Roman Catholic separate school district. A Roman Catholic is defined as an individual who recognizes the Pope as head of the Church (i.e. Roman Catholic, Greek Catholic, Ukrainian Catholic, etc.)
- Individual property owners who are not Roman Catholic must direct their taxes to the public school district.
- Only property owners, not tenants, are entitled to file this School Support Declaration.
- If property is owned by a Roman Catholic and a non Roman Catholic, the municipality will assign the taxes to the public and Roman Catholic separate school districts in accordance with the percentage of ownership indicated beside the name of each owner.
- In order to ensure that property taxes are directed correctly, it is important that all property owners are designated on the School Support Declaration and that the percentage of ownership adds up to 100%.
- If there is insufficient space to list all the registered property owners and to make the necessary declarations on the front of this School Support Declaration, please use an extra sheet to indicate the name, address, declaration and percentage of ownership of the additional registered property owners.
- This School Support Declaration applies to all property within the City of Edmonton owned by individuals whether or not the property owners reside in the City of Edmonton.
- If this School Support Declaration is not returned to the municipality, the individual owner's property would be assessable for public school purposes and the taxes on such property will be directed to the Alberta School Foundation Fund and redistributed on an equal amount per student basis to public and separate school boards in Alberta.
- Because the **Constitution Act** establishes Alberta's public and separate school systems on the basis of religion (either Protestant or Roman Catholic), school boards and tax collecting authorities are allowed and required to ask for the declaration contained in this form.