


Canadian Citizenship: Facts and Perspectives



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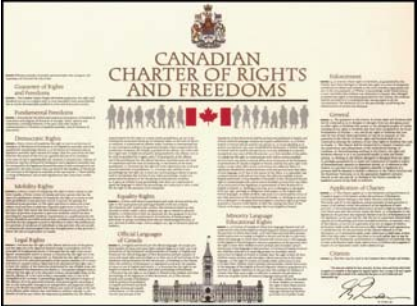
What is a Canadian Citizen?

Rights of Canadian Citizens

- Vote or to be a candidate in elections
- Apply for a Canadian passport
- To be educated in the official language of choice (English / French)
- Right to enter, remain in and leave Canada




Rights of Canadian Citizens



Who are Canadian Citizens?

Who are Canadian Citizens?

- by Birth

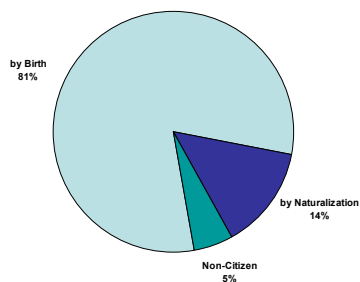


Who are Canadian Citizens?

- by Naturalization



Who are Canadian Citizens?



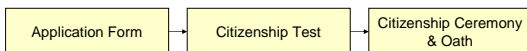
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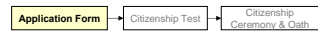
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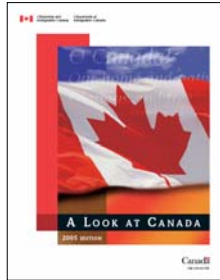
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Sample Citizenship Test

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1. Why are the Aboriginal peoples of Canada working towards self-government?
 - a) In order to secede from Canada.
 - b) They are trying to regain control over decisions that affect their lives.
 - c) So they can form more provinces.
 - d) To obtain better representation in parliament.

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2. Why did early explorers first come to Atlantic Canada?
 - a) To establish agricultural communities.
 - b) To escape religious persecution.
 - c) To mine coal.
 - d) To fish and trade with Aboriginal peoples.

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3. When did settlers from France first establish communities on the St. Lawrence River?
 - a) 1200s.
 - b) 1700s.
 - c) 1900s.
 - d) early 1600s.

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4. What important trade did the Hudson Bay Company control?
 - a) Fishing.
 - b) Agriculture.
 - c) Fur.
 - d) Oil.

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5. Name two fundamental freedoms are protected by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.
- a) Freedom of religion and freedom of speech.
 - b) Equality rights and to care for Canada's heritage.
 - c) Basic freedoms and obey laws.
 - d) Aboriginal peoples' rights and to volunteer.



Sample Citizenship Test

6. Which province is the only officially bilingual province?
- a) New Brunswick.
 - b) Quebec.
 - c) Ontario.
 - d) Prince Edward Island.



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7. What are the territories of northern Canada and their capital cities?
- a) Alaska (Juneau) and Yukon Territory (Whitehorse).
 - b) Northwest Territories (Yellowknife) and Alaska (Juneau).
 - c) Northwest Territories (Yellowknife).
 - d) Yukon Territory (Whitehorse), Northwest Territories (Yellowknife), and Nunavut (Iqaluit).



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8. In what industry do most Canadians work?
- a) Natural resources.
 - b) Tourism.
 - c) Service.
 - d) Manufacturing.



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9. What country is Canada's largest trading partner?
- a) Mexico.
 - b) United States of America.
 - c) China.
 - d) Japan.

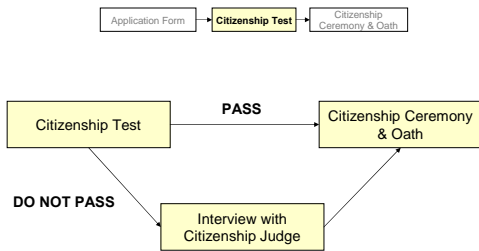


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10. Who is Canada's Head of State?
- a) Governor General of Canada.
 - b) Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.
 - c) Prime Minister.
 - d) Lieutenant Governor.



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Almost Citizens: Permanent Residents



Permanent Resident vs. Citizen

Rights and Freedoms	Permanent Resident	Citizen
Fundamental freedoms guaranteed by the Charter	√	√
Legal and equality rights guaranteed by the Charter	√	√
Earn a living and reside anywhere in Canada	√	√
Access to public health care services	√	√
Access to government services	√	√
Access to benefits, e.g., E.I. and Old Age Pension	√	√
Vote or be a candidate in elections		√
Apply for a Canadian passport		√
Be educated in the official language of choice		√
Unqualified right to enter, remain in or leave Canada		√



Permanent Resident vs. Citizen

- Permanent resident's right to enter, remain in Canada qualified by:
 - Residency requirement
 - Serious criminality
 - ... plus other requirements under the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act*



Permanent Resident vs. Citizen



Permanent Resident vs. Citizen

- Do you know?
 - The Federal Government gives preference to Canadian Citizens when hiring
 - Some scholarships are available only to Canadian Citizens
 - Canadian Citizens may take advantage of facilitated admission into the U.S., Mexico and Chile under free trade agreements

