

Take Part in Canadian Citizenship

What can you do with your Canadian citizenship?

- Be active in your community by participating in local cultural and community events.
- Attend someone else's citizenship ceremony that's open to the public to help them celebrate.
- Host a citizenship ceremony to support someone you know in this formalized rite of passage that pinpoints the moment when someone enters the Canadian family.
- Organize a citizenship reaffirmation ceremony to repeat the oath of citizenship and express an ongoing commitment to Canada.
- Participate in Canada Day events each year.
- Participate in annual Citizenship Week activities held each May.
- Vote and participate in Canada's democracy.
- Help your neighbours.
- Protect the environment.
- Contribute to reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.
- Volunteer in your community.
- Welcome new Canadians in your community.

Find out more on Government of Canada's website:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/canadian-citizenship/take-part-citizenship.html>

Find Out More

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Citizenship Eligibility

To apply for Canadian citizenship, you:

1. Must be a permanent resident (landed immigrant) of Canada.
2. Must have been physically present in Canada for at least 3 out of the last 5 years or 1,095 days immediately before you apply.
3. Need to have filed personal income taxes for at least 3 years within the 5-year period.
4. Must demonstrate adequate knowledge of English or French (if you are between 18 and 54 years old when you apply.)
5. Can't have any unfulfilled conditions relating to your Permanent Resident (PR) status.
6. Can't be under a removal order (asked by Canadian officials to leave Canada.)
7. Can't be inadmissible or prohibited on criminal or security grounds.
8. Must pass a citizenship test on the day you sign your application.

Notes:

- No need for the proof of language and citizenship test for applicants who are 55 years of age or older.
- You don't automatically become a citizen when you marry a Canadian.
- There are additional or different requirements if you are applying for a minor (under age 18.)

Proof of Language

If you are 18 to 54 years of age, then here are the requirements to provide proof of language in English or French.

1. Provide a copy of a Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB) or a Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada (LINC) certificate with a score of 4 or higher in speaking and listening.
2. Provide a diploma, certificate or transcript of records if you finished high school or attended college or university.
3. Provide an IELTS (International English Language Testing System) or CELPIP (Canadian English Language Proficiency Index Program) test result with a score of 4 or higher in speaking and listening.



Citizenship Application Information Session

The Edmonton Newcomer Centre offers group information sessions for first-time Canadian citizenship applicants.

Sessions are held in-person on the second Wednesday of each month.

Register for a Citizenship Application Information Session:

- Call: 780-424-7709
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