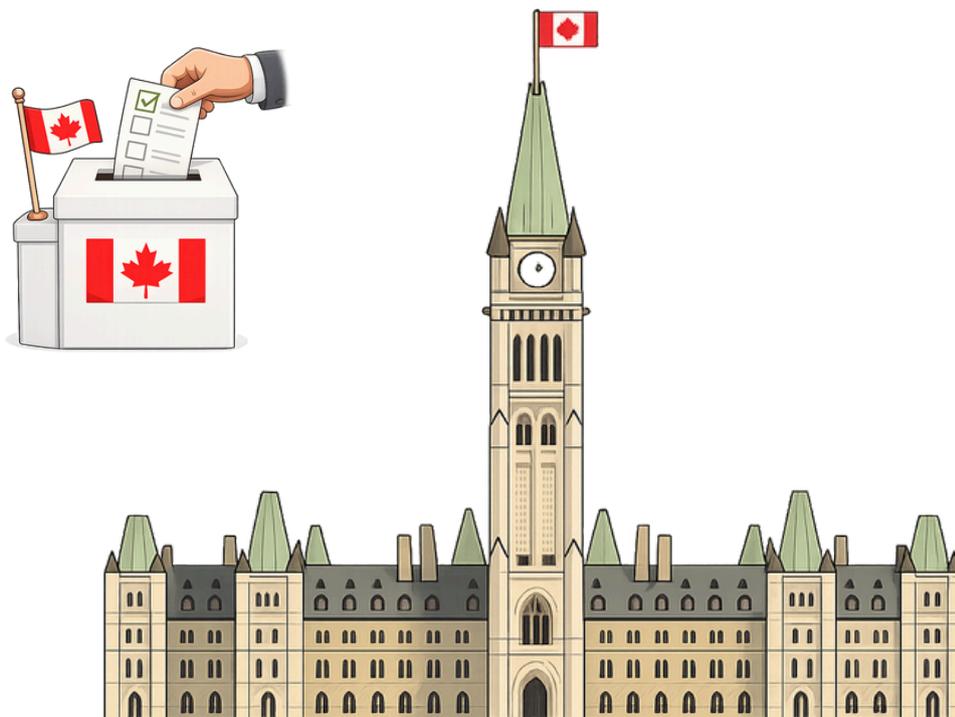


The 3 Levels of Canadian Elections

A Guide to Jurisdictions, Responsibilities,
and Qualifications for Candidates



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The Three Tiers of Government

Note: Some responsibilities are shared among different levels of government.

Federal Government Responsibilities	Provincial/Territorial Government Responsibilities	Municipal/Local Government Responsibilities
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Citizenship and passports• Criminal law• Currency• Federal taxes• Fisheries• Foreign affairs and international trade• Indigenous lands and rights• National defence• Official languages• Parks Canada• Postal service• Telecommunications policy• Veterans affairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Colleges and universities• Education• Hospitals and health care• Natural resources• Property and civil rights• Provincial/territorial law and courts• Provincial/territorial parks• Provincial/territorial road maintenance• Provincial/territorial taxes• Social services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Animal control• Community centres• Fire protection• Land use planning (zoning)• Municipal/local parks• Municipal/local police• Municipal/local road maintenance• Public transit• Recreation and community facilities• Waste management• Water supply and treatment

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Who Can Run?

- **Basic Requirements:** To run for office in most Canadian jurisdictions, you must be a Canadian citizen and at least 18 years of age.
- **Residency:**
 - * **Federal/Provincial:** Generally requires residency in the province or territory.
 - * **Municipal:** Usually requires you to be a resident or a non-resident property elector in that specific municipality.
- **Financial Standing:** Candidates must not be disqualified by law (e.g., undischarged bankruptcy or certain election-related offenses in some jurisdictions).

Key Participants in the Process

- **Elector (The Voter):** A qualified individual who casts a ballot to choose representatives at the federal, provincial, or local level.
- **Candidate:** An individual seeking election to a specific public office, such as Mayor, Councillor, or Member of Parliament.
- **Financial Agent:** A legally required representative responsible for managing all campaign funds, banking, and official financial filings.
- **Auditor:** A professional accountant appointed to examine campaign records and provide an official report on financial compliance.
- **Volunteer:** Dedicated individuals who provide unpaid services, such as canvassing or flyer distribution, to support a campaign.

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