

On the Right Level Activity Sheet

Canada has a **federal system** of government: power is divided up and shared between a strong national government and smaller local governments. Technically speaking, the *British North America Act* (1867) only established *two* official levels of government—federal (based in Ottawa) and provincial (each provincial or territorial capital city); however, by convention a third level developed in the form of town and city councils, e.g. municipal. The authority of municipal governments emerged over time on the basis of *convention* (developing customs and needs) rather than through a constitution.

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Area:	Level(s) of Government Responsibility		
	Federal	Provincial/Territorial	Municipal
Agriculture	✓	✓	
Armed Forces			
Copyright Laws			
Correctional Facilities			
Education			
Elections			
Energy			
Fire Department			
Hospitals			
Human Rights			
Immigration			
International Trade			
Internet			
Labour			
Libraries			
Liquor Licenses			
Marriage Licenses			
Parks			
Passports			
Pensions			
Police			
Recycling			
Water and Sewers			
Social Insurance Numbers			
Taxes			
Telecommunications			
Tourism and Travel			
Traffic and Parking Signs			
Transportation			