

Government Responsibilities

Who does what?

REMEMBER

Sometimes responsibilities cross boundaries. For example, agriculture and immigration are both federal and provincial jurisdiction. Have a question? Just ask!

Federal Government

Responsible for matters of national interest and work that extends beyond the boundaries of one province

- Citizenship
- Criminal law
- Currency and banking
- Foreign affairs
- Indigenous lands and rights
- National defense
- Navigation and shipping
- Patents
- Penitentiaries
- Pipelines
- Policing
- Postal service
- Quarantine
- Railways
- Sea coast and inland fisheries
- Shipping
- Telephones
- Trade and commerce
- Unemployment insurance
- And more...

Provincial Government

Responsible for services that require equitable distribution across the province

- Childcare
- Education
- Family and social supports
- “Generally all matters of a merely local or private nature in the province” S. 92(16)
- Healthcare and hospitals
- Highways
- Housing
- Income and disability assistance
- Liquor laws
- Management/sale of public lands that belong to the province
- Marriage
- Municipalities
- Natural resources
- Property and civil rights
- Public transportation
- Workplace safety
- And more...

Local Government

Responsible for delivering and paying for local services

- Cemeteries
- Community programs
- Emergency planning
- Fire protection
- Garbage collection and recycling
- Libraries
- Local land use and zoning
- Local roads
- Parking
- Parks and recreation
- Public transportation
- Sewage collection and treatment
- Sidewalks
- Storm water management
- Street lights
- Water supply and treatment
- And more...