

## **Levels of Government in Canada**

There are three levels of government in Canada: Federal, Provincial, and Municipal. Each of these three have their own responsibilities.

### **Federal Government (FD)**

The federal government includes the house of commons (made up of 338 members of parliament or MPs), the senate (made up of senators appointed by the Prime Minister), and the monarch represented by the Governor General. The political party that elects the most MPs forms the federal government and the leader of it acts as the head and becomes the Prime Minister. The FD is responsible for issues that affect Canada as a whole country such as..

- International relations
- Immigration
- Criminal law
- Taxes
- National defense
- Foreign policy

### **Provincial Government (PG)**

The provincial government includes the Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs) elected from across the province and monarchs represented by Lieutenant Governor of Ontario. The political party with the most MPP's forms the provincial government. Their leader becomes the Premier and is the head of the provincial government. PG is responsible for issues that affect the province as a whole. These include..

- Education
- Health care
- Environment
- Agriculture
- Highways

### **Municipal Government (MG)**

Municipal governments are led by mayors in cities and towns and work closely with the provincial government. The city or town council decides on laws that deal with issues concerning their community such as..

- Public parks
- Libraries
- Social services
- Local police & fire services
- Garbage removal & recycling
- Public transportation

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