

HANDOUT 4.1: Government Responsibilities

A list of some key federal, provincial/territorial and municipal/local government responsibilities based upon Canada's constitution.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITIES	PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITIES	LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITIES
 Citizenship and passports	 Colleges and universities	 Animal control
 Criminal law	 Drivers' licensing and highways	 Fire protection
 Currency	 Education	 Land use planning (zoning)
 Federal taxes	 Hospitals and healthcare delivery	 Local parks
 Fisheries and oceans	 Municipalities	 Local police
 Foreign affairs and international trade	 Natural resources	 Road maintenance
 First Nations lands and rights	 Property and civil rights	 Recreation and community facilities
 National defence	 Provincial law and courts	 Public transportation
 Official languages	 Provincial taxes	 Waste management
 Postal service	 Social services	 Water supply and treatment
 Veterans affairs		

Some shared areas of responsibility include: Immigration, agriculture, healthcare, transportation and environment.