

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/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• Postal service• Veterans affairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Colleges and universities• Drivers' licensing and highways• Education• Hospitals and healthcare• Municipalities• Natural resources• Property and civil rights• Provincial law and courts• Provincial taxes• Social services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Animal control• Fire protection• Land use planning (zoning)• Libraries• Local parks• Local police• Road maintenance• Recreation and community facilities• Public transportation• Waste management• Water supply and treatment

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