

CATEGORY F

SUBJECT:

CITIZENSHIP

OBJECTIVE(S)

To encourage the candidates to learn the functions and structures of the Canadian Government at the municipal, provincial and federal levels.

PREREQUISITES

None.

INSTRUCTORS/EVALUATORS

- School teachers
- Members of Government
- Members of legal profession
- Political science students (University/College) with Canadian Government background

REFERENCES AND MATERIALS

- Public and school libraries
- Government Public Relations Offices
- Appropriate Federal, Provincial, or Municipal Government agency, ministry or department dealing with citizenship, elections or government
- Internet

CONTENT

1. *Municipal Government:*

- the name of the mayor and how she/he is elected
- the names, number, position and method of election of the members of council
- the functions and powers of the council
- the functions performed by the municipal council
- the way in which a municipal election is run
- the frequency, and the location of council meetings
- the way in which a council meeting is conducted

2. *Provincial Government:*

- the name of the Premier and how he/she is elected
- the composition of the Provincial Legislature
- the names, number and positions of members of the Provincial Cabinet
- the functions and powers of the Provincial Government
- the format of daily business in the Legislature
- the name of your local MPP

- the name of the Speaker of the House, his/her functions and the method by which he/she is selected
 - an illustration and an explanation of the significance of the Mace in the House
 - an illustration of the Provincial Coat of Arms
3. *Federal Government:*
- the name of the Prime Minister and how he/she is elected
 - the functions and composition of the Senate
 - the functions and composition of the House of Commons
 - a list of the departments of the Federal Government and their respective functions
 - the name of the Governor-General, the method of his/her appointment, and the functions he/she performs
 - a description of the Canadian Coat of Arms
 - an explanation of the composition and functions of the Supreme Court of Canada
 - an explanation of the function of the Central Experimental Farm, the Royal Canadian Mint and the National Capital Commission
 - the name of your local MP
4. *Other:*
- a) distinguish between ruling party and opposition party
 - b) understand the procedure used to pass a bill into Federal Law
 - c) ability to distinguish the difference between Parliament, the Cabinet, and the Judiciary
 - d) able to name all the provinces and territories and their capitals
 - e) able to name the Lieutenant Governor, method of appointment and function
 - f) able to name three major political parties and their leaders (Federal or Provincial)

DURATION

As required.

CERTIFICATION

1. Visit the seat of one of the levels of Government: municipal, provincial or federal.
2. Prepare a display (either cardboard or scrapbook form) containing the information listed in the content of one level.
3. Be able to answer either in writing or orally, the questions listed about the other two levels of parliament not covered in the display (to the satisfaction of the Instructor/Evaluator).

CERTIFICATION OF SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF PROFICIENCY SUBJECT

CITIZENSHIP

Instructors/Evaluators should carefully consider the age, ability and accessibility to resource materials of each candidate.

The candidate has completed the above content and meets the requirements to the satisfaction of the Instructor/Evaluator.

Name of Instructor/Evaluator: _____

Agency: _____

Address: _____ Tel #: _____

Instructor qualifications: _____

I certify that

_____ of _____
(candidate's name) (Division #)

meets the criteria of this proficiency subject, as laid out on the previous page(s).

Instructor/Evaluator (signature) Date

Divisional Superintendent (signature) Date