

RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP

CANADIAN CITIZENS HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS

The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms protects those basic rights and freedoms of all Canadians that are considered essential to preserving Canada as a free and democratic country. It applies to all governments - federal, provincial and territorial.

RIGHTS



Democratic rights



Official language rights



Equality rights



Legal rights



Mobility rights



Right to life, liberty and security of the person



Minority language educational rights

FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS



Freedom of conscience and religion



Freedom of thought, belief, opinion and expression



Freedom of peaceful assembly



Freedom of association

The Charter has shaped our past but it will also shape our future. Since 1982, it has been an essential part of Canada's democracy and will continue to shape our identity as a nation. The Charter affirms that we are a multicultural country and that the Charter must always be read and understood with this in mind.
~ Government of Canada

AS A CANADIAN CITIZEN, YOU ALSO HAVE RESPONSIBILITIES:

- To respect the rights and freedoms of others
- To obey Canada's laws
- To participate in the democratic process
- To respect Canada's 2 official languages and multicultural heritage