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Discover Canada Citizenship Guide Sample Questions and Burnaby Information

In order to become a Canadian citizen, you must demonstrate a basic knowledge of Canada by passing a multiple choice test. All the questions found on the citizenship test are based on information provided in Discover Canada. In the test, you will be asked about dates, events, people and concepts presented in the guide. You will be required to successfully answer questions on the following topics:

- The rights and responsibilities of a Canadian citizen (including the right to vote in elections, the right to run for elected office in Canada and voting procedures)
- Canada's government and social, cultural and political history
- Canada's geography

The questions below are similar to the questions that are found on the citizenship test. Use these questions to prepare for your test. The correct answers are followed by an asterisk *.

What are three responsibilities of citizenship?

- a. Being loyal to Canada, recycling newspapers, serving in the navy, army or air force.
- b. **Obedying the law, taking responsibility for oneself and one's family, serving on a jury.***
- c. Learning both official languages, voting in elections, belonging to a union.
- d. Buying Canadian products, owning your own business, using less water.

What is the meaning of the Remembrance Day poppy?

- a. To remember our Sovereign, Queen Elizabeth II.
- b. To celebrate Confederation.
- c. To honour prime ministers who have died.
- d. **To remember the sacrifice of Canadians who have served or died in wars up to the present day.***

How are Members of Parliament chosen?

- a. They are appointed by the United Nations.
- b. They are chosen by the provincial premiers.
- c. **They are elected by voters in their local constituency (riding).***
- d. They are elected by landowners and police chiefs.

More sample questions

All the answers can be found in the citizenship study guide [Discover Canada: The Rights and Responsibilities of Citizenship](#). You can obtain a copy from the [Citizenship and Immigration Canada website](#), or you can borrow it from any branch of the library.

- Name two key documents that contain our rights and freedoms.
- Identify four (4) rights that Canadians enjoy.
- Name four (4) fundamental freedoms that Canadians enjoy?
- What is meant by the equality of women and men?
- What are some examples of taking responsibility for yourself and your family?
- Who were the founding peoples of Canada?
- Who are the Métis?
- What does the word "Inuit" mean?
- What is meant by the term "responsible government"?
- Who was Sir Louis-Hippolyte La Fontaine?
- What did the Canadian Pacific Railway symbolize?
- What does Confederation mean?
- What is the significance of the discovery of insulin by Sir Frederick Banting and Charles Best?
- What does it mean to say that Canada is a constitutional monarchy?
- What are the three branches of government?
- What is the difference between the role of the Queen and that of the Prime Minister?
- What is the highest honour that Canadians can receive?

- When you go to vote on election day, what do you do?
- Who is entitled to vote in Canadian federal elections?
- In Canada, are you obliged to tell other people how you voted?
- After an election, which party forms the government?
- Who is your Member of Parliament?
- What are the three levels of government?
- What is the role of the courts in Canada?
- In Canada, are you allowed to question the police about their service or conduct?
- Name two Canadian symbols.
- What provinces are sometimes referred to as the Atlantic Provinces?
- What is the capital of the province or territory that you live in?

Citizenship Information for the City of Burnaby

Federal Government

The Head of State: the representative of the Queen for all Canada is the Governor General:

Julie Payette

The Head of government in power: the Prime Minister is **Justin Trudeau**

The name of the party in power is the **Liberal Party**

The name of the Leader of the Opposition is **Andrew Scheer**

The official opposition is the **Conservative Party**

The names of the other opposition parties and leaders are:

New Democratic Party: Jagmeet Singh

Bloc Quebecois: Martine Ouellet

Green Party: Elizabeth May

My Member of Parliament (MP) in Ottawa is:

For Burnaby North Seymour electoral district: **Terry Beech (Liberal)**

For Burnaby South electoral district: **Kennedy Stewart (NDP)**

For New Westminster-Burnaby electoral district: **Peter Julian (NDP)**

To find your federal electoral district, type in your postal code at the [Elections Canada website](#)

Provincial Government

The representative of the Queen in my province is the Lieutenant Governor: **Judith Guichon**

The Head of the government: the Premier is **John Horgan**

The name of the provincial party in power is the **New Democratic Party**

The provincial opposition party is the: **Liberal Party**

The name of the Leader of the Opposition is: **Rich Coleman (interim)**

My Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) is:

For Burnaby North electoral district: **Janet Routledge (NDP)**

For Burnaby Edmonds electoral district: **Raj Chouhan (NDP)**

For Burnaby Deer-Lake electoral district: **Anne Kang (NDP)**

For Burnaby-Lougheed electoral district: **Katrina Chen (NDP)**

To find your provincial electoral district, type in your postal code at the [Legislative Assembly of BC website](#)

Territorial Government

This only applies to citizens living in Nunavut, the Northwest Territories, or the Yukon Territories.

Municipal Government

The name of the municipality where I live is the **City of Burnaby**

The head of the municipal government (mayor or reeve) is [Mayor Derek Corrigan](#) (**Burnaby Citizens Association**)

Councillors: Pietro Calendino, Sav Dhaliwal, Dan Johnston, Colleen Jordan, Anne Kang, Paul McDonell, Nick Volkow, James Wang

Voting Age in Federal, Provincial and Municipal Elections is 18 or over

This guide is a modified version of the New Westminster Public Library Citizenship Study Questions.