

# Levels of Government

Have you ever thought about the different ways that government affects your life? Every time you make a phone call, recycle a bottle or go to school, you are affected by the decisions made by your representatives in government.

Canada has three levels of government:

- Federal: creates laws that affect people across the country
- Provincial and territorial: create laws that affect people in one province or territory only
- Municipal: establishes by-laws that affect a specific city, town or village



Do you know which laws and by-laws are made by which level of government?

Circle the correct answer.



You put on your seat belt every time you ride in a car. (road safety laws)

FEDERAL or PROVINCIAL or MUNICIPAL



When you turn 18, you vote in a federal election. (*Canada Elections Act*)

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Your friend receives a fine for littering in the park. (park by-laws)

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You keep your dog on a leash when you take it for a walk. (animal control by-laws)

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You are planning a trip to the United States. You need to get a passport to travel outside Canada. (*Citizenship Act*)

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Your parents buy you a new pair of shoes. The price includes a general sales tax of 5%. (*Excise Tax Act*)

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Your teacher makes sure that you learn certain topics at school, like math and social studies. (education laws)

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Your parents park next to a meter. They buy a ticket and display it at the front of the car. (traffic and parking by-laws)

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You hurt your ankle while playing soccer. The medical staff at a nearby hospital treat your injury. (hospital laws)

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You travel to a different part of Canada, where you buy something with the same money you use at home. (currency laws)

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You have a sibling in daycare. The daycare centre needs to make sure there are enough qualified adults to take care of all the children. (childcare laws)

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You take a ride on the bus, subway or streetcar. You make sure to keep your ticket handy, just in case you are asked to show that you have paid. (transit by-laws)

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You invite your friends over for your birthday party. You have fun but make sure not to be too noisy, so you don't disturb your neighbours. (noise by-laws)

FEDERAL or PROVINCIAL or MUNICIPAL



Your friend next door has received an interesting package in the mail. You're curious, but you wait until they open it to see what's inside. (*Canada Post Corporation Act*)

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