

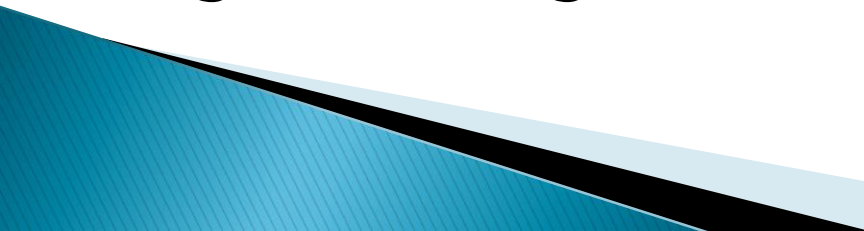
# Canada's Government

# Constitutional Monarchy

Constitutional Monarchy– A monarch inherits the right to rule but is limited by laws and a law making body elected by the people.

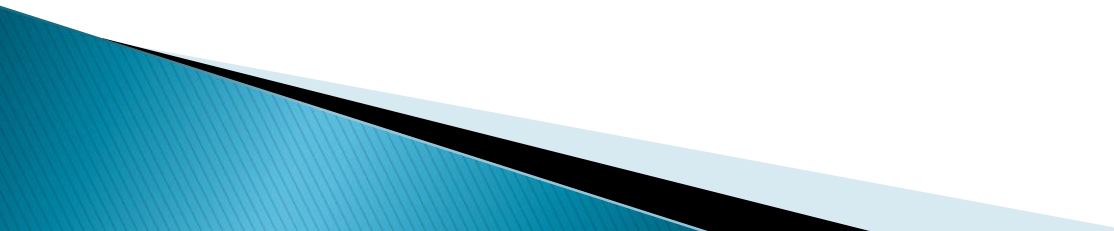
Canada's constitution lists the powers of the government.

The British monarchy, a king or queen, is the head of state. However, since the monarchy does not live in Canada, he or she chooses a governor-general to act in his or her place.



# Federal Government System

Canada has a federal government system, which shares power between the national government and the ten provinces and three territories.



# Federal System

## Provincial Government

- education.
- property rights.
- local government.
- hospitals.
- provincial taxes.

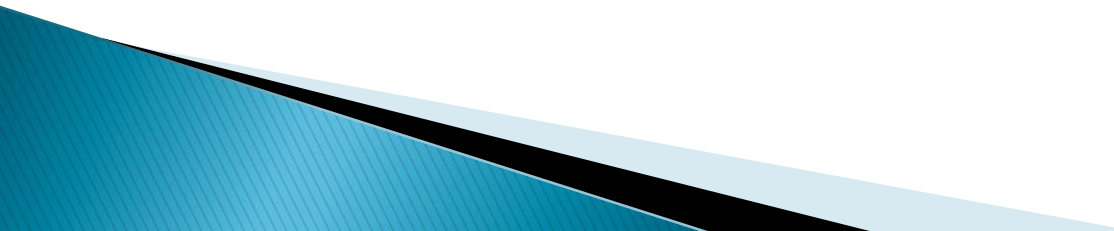
## Federal Government

- national defense (military).
- trading, banking, immigration, and criminal law.
- postal services.

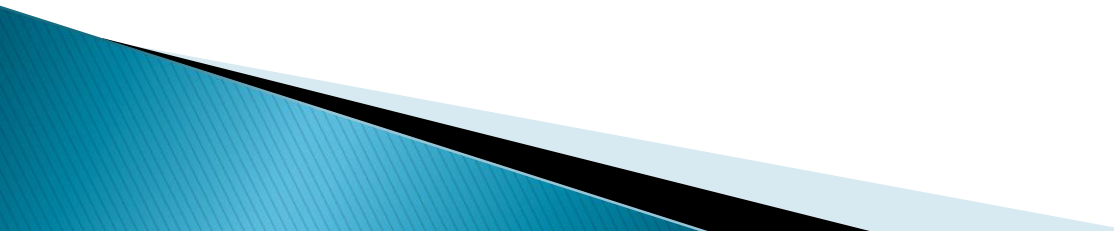
# Rights and Responsibilities of citizens

- ▶ Citizens 18 and older can choose to vote (it is not required)
- ▶ Citizens in Canada have many of the same rights as American citizens (such as freedom of religion, speech, etc.)

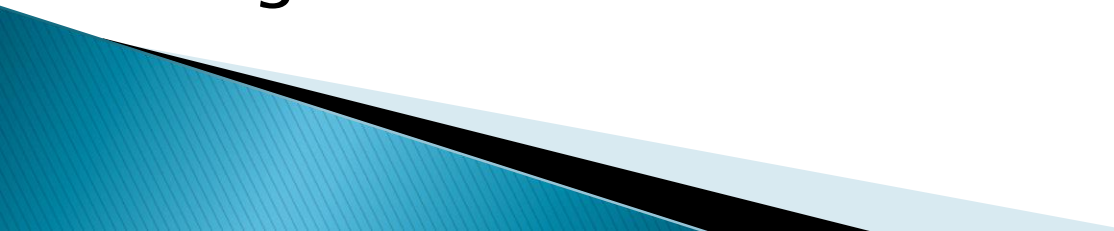
# Branches of Government

- ▶ Legislative (Parliament)
  - ▶ Executive (Prime Minister)
  - ▶ Judicial (Federal and Provincial Courts)
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# Legislative Branch

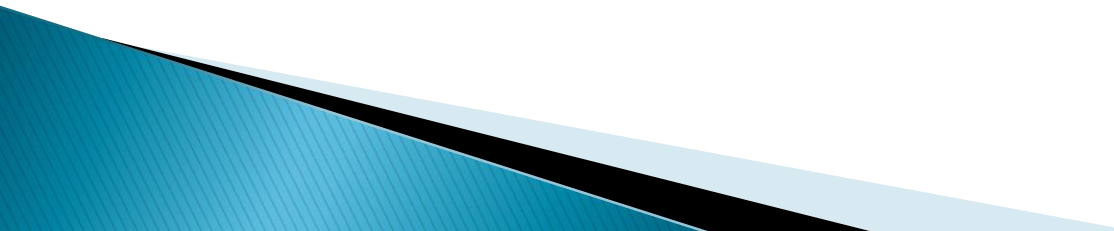
- ▶ Parliament is the legislative branch of government.
  - ▶ The House of Commons, the Senate, and the governor-general make up Parliament.
  - ▶ Canadian citizens elect representatives to the House of Commons.
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# Executive Branch

- ▶ The leader of the party with the most elected members of Parliament acts as the Prime Minister.
  - ▶ The Prime Minister is the Head of Government.
  - ▶ The Prime Minister and the Cabinet make up the executive branch which is a part of the legislative branch.
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# Legislative/ Executive Branch

- ▶ The Prime Minister chooses people from the ten provinces and three territories to sit in the Senate.
  - ▶ Both the House of Commons and the Senate make Canadian laws and policies.
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# Judicial Branch

- ▶ Canada has both a federal and provincial court system.
  - ▶ The federal Supreme Court is the highest court in the country.
  - ▶ Nine judges serve on this court.
  - ▶ The Prime Minister chooses the judges and the governor-general appoints them.
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