

GOVERNMENT AND EMPLOYMENT SYSTEM



As a **newcomer**, it is useful to know that there are different levels of government and each level has different roles and responsibilities.

Government



Who can I contact for a Social Insurance Number, a Health Card and a Driver's Licence?

Canada has three levels of government:

- The federal government (Government of Canada) represents all Canadians.
- Provincial or territorial governments represent residents in each province or territory.
- Municipal governments represent the residents of a city or a town.

Canada has a **federal system** of government. This means that the authority to make laws is divided between the federal government and provincial/territorial governments. For example, the federal government is responsible for Social Insurance Numbers, and provincial/territorial governments are responsible for health cards, public education (schools) and driver's licences.

For more information on the different roles and responsibilities of each level of government, visit the **Get to Know Canada** section of the Going to Canada Web site 🍁 [www.goingtocanada.gc.ca].

Employment System



Are the requirements to be a teacher the same in Toronto and Vancouver?

Canada's 10 provinces and three territories each have their own **labour markets** with specific standards, laws, requirements, job opportunities and working conditions. This means that the requirements to be a teacher in Vancouver may be different than the requirements in Toronto because these cities are in different provinces.



If you plan to immigrate to a specific city or region, you can focus your job search on the specific conditions that apply to that location. To learn more, please visit the **Provinces and Territories** section of the Going to Canada Web site 🍁 [www.goingtocanada.gc.ca].