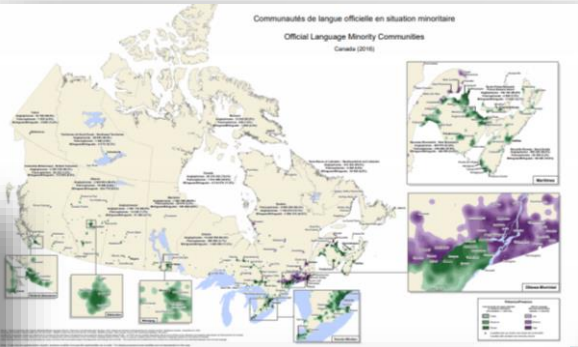


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Best Practices Digest  
FOSTERING THE FULL RECOGNITION AND USE OF BOTH ENGLISH AND FRENCH IN CANADIAN SOCIETY  
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## Some facts on the Canadian Francophonie

**The Canadian Francophonie by the numbers**

- ▶ Canada has a population of nearly 35 million people. French is the first official language spoken for 22.8% of the population.
- ▶ The majority of Francophones (85.4%) live in Quebec and over 1 million Francophones live in other regions.
- ▶ Almost 10.4 million Canadians can carry on a conversation in French.

**Education, media and culture**

- Canada has more than 3,000 French-language primary and secondary schools, around 75 French-language colleges and nearly 30 French-language universities, a majority of which are located in Quebec.
- Outside Quebec, more than 150,000 Francophones study in their language at 624 primary and secondary institutions, managed by the communities.
- Francophones outside Quebec also have access to over 20 colleges and universities.

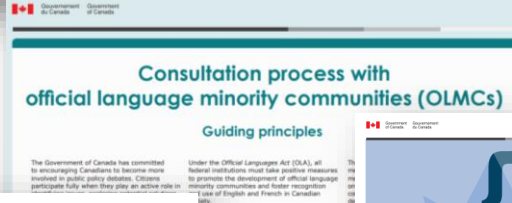


**Key questions**  
to facilitate decision-making that may impact on the implementation of section 41 of the Official Languages Act

**Who**  
All federal institutions

**What**

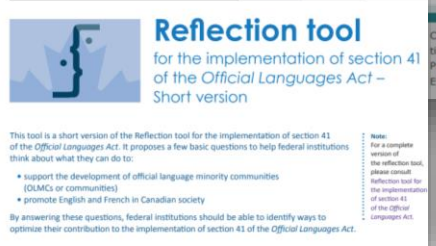
- the adoption or revision of a policy
- the creation or abolition of a program
- the establishment or elimination of a point of service



**Consultation process with official language minority communities (OLMCs)**

**Guiding principles**

- Carried out in a timely manner
- Predictable
- Efficient
- Adapted
- Transparent
- Foundational
- Good faith
- Responsive



**Reflection tool for the implementation of section 41 of the Official Languages Act – Short version**

This tool is a short version of the Reflection tool for the implementation of section 41 of the Official Languages Act. It proposes a few basic questions to help federal institutions think about what they can do to:

- support the development of official language minority communities (OLMCs or communities)
- promote English and French in Canadian society

By answering these questions, federal institutions should be able to identify ways to optimize their contribution to the implementation of section 41 of the Official Languages Act.



**Guide on Part VII of the Official Languages Act: Support to communities and promotion of English and French**



**Annual Report on Official Languages 2018-2019**

- 40 federal boards
- 920 federal institutions
- 120 public bodies
- 300 municipalities
- 247,200 students

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