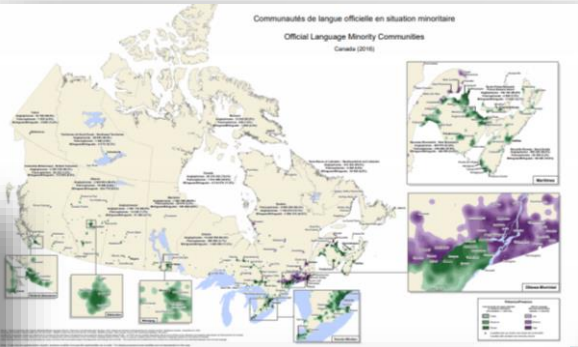


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Some facts on the Canadian Francophonie

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



Consultation process with official language minority communities (OLMCs)
Guiding principles



The Interdepartmental Coordination Network of Canadian Heritage (Network 42): An Overview of its Role and Achievements

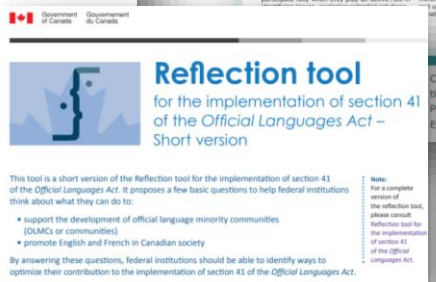
A Word from the Network 42 Co-Chairs

The year 2023-2024 was marked by the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Official Languages Act. In this spirit, Network 42 worked with federal institutions to mark this milestone with various initiatives. All key working groups were invited to meet certain needs and to report on their progress to the Network 42 Co-Chairs.

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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:

- 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



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40 federal boards
920 federal employees
120 trade missions
300 community organizations