

How Canada is Governed — Knowledge Organiser

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Key facts

- Canada is a democracy: citizens vote to choose their leaders.
- Parliament, in Ottawa, makes national laws.
- Canada has federal, provincial and local governments.
- Canada is a constitutional monarchy; the British monarch is head of state, represented by the Governor General.

Key vocabulary

- Democracy — government chosen by the people.
- Parliament — the body that makes laws.
- Province — a region with its own government.
- Prime Minister — the head of the national government.

Levels of government

National government handles the whole country; provinces run things like schools and hospitals; local councils look after towns and cities.

The Crown's role

Like Australia, Canada keeps a historic link to the British Crown, with a Governor General representing the monarch.