



Language Rights Support Program

Canada's constitutional language rights: Know them. Use them.

The Language Rights Support Program (LRSP) promotes and informs Canadians about language rights guaranteed by the Constitution of Canada.

THE LRSP ALSO PROVIDES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS WHO THINK THAT THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL LANGUAGE RIGHTS HAVE NOT BEEN RESPECTED.

- › To be eligible to receive funding, applications must pertain to constitutional language rights.
- › Financial assistance from the LRSP is designed to help individuals, groups and nonprofit organizations have access to alternative dispute resolution such as mediation and negotiation to settle their dispute without going to court.
- › If alternative dispute resolution fails, applicants can apply to the LRSP for funding to take their case to court to obtain a judicial ruling. Funding of this type is provided only to test cases – that is, cases that raise an issue on which the courts have never ruled.

Canadians enjoy language rights guaranteed by the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*, the *Constitution Acts of 1867*, the *Manitoba Act, 1870*, and other similar constitutional rights.

AS A CANADIAN, YOU ARE ENTITLED TO:

- › Receive (subject to certain conditions) an education in the province where you reside in the language of the English or French linguistic minority population;
- › Receive services in English or French when dealing with the Government of Canada subject to certain conditions, and with the Government of New Brunswick at all times;
- › Use English or French before federal, Quebec, New Brunswick and Manitoba courts, without suffering any negative consequences;
- › Have access to a number of federal or New Brunswick government publications written in English or in French.

DID YOU KNOW CONSTITUTIONAL LANGUAGE RIGHTS HAVE ENABLED...

- › Francophones in Alberta to obtain and manage French-language schools;
- › Certain Anglophones to attend English-language schools funded by the Quebec government;
- › Francophones in Ontario to keep Montfort Hospital, an institution deemed essential for providing health services to the Franco-Ontarian community;
- › Acadians in Summerside, Prince Edward Island, to obtain a French-language school in their community;
- › Francophones in Northern Ontario to have access to community programs provided by the Government of Canada adapted to the needs of the Franco-Ontarian community;
- › Everyone in New Brunswick to receive the services of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) in English or French throughout the province.

For more information on the LRSP, go to: www.lrsp.uottawa.ca

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