

Ministers Responsible for Nationality and Citizenship 1867 to 2021

(As of November, 2021)

The following is a chronological list of the ministers responsible for nationality and citizenship in Canada. It begins at Confederation in 1867 and ends with the current minister, the Honourable Sean Fraser.

Secretaries of State (1867-1950)

Hector-Louis Langevin	1 July 1867 – 7 December 1869
James Cox Aikins	8 December 1869 – 5 November 1873
David Cristie	7 November 1873 – 8 January 1874
Richard W. Scott	9 January 1874 – 8 October 1878
Vacant	17 October 1878 – 18 October 1878
James Cox Aikins	19 October 1878 – 7 November 1880
John O'Connor	8 November 1880 – 19 May 1881
Joseph Aldred Mousseau	20 May 1881 – 28 July 1882
Joseph Adolphe Chapleau	29 July 1882 – 24 January 1892
James Colebrooke Patterson	25 January 1892 – 24 November 1892
John Costogan	5 December 1892 – 12 December 1894
Arthur R. Dickey	21 December 1894 – 25 March 1895
Walter Humphries Montague	26 March 1895 – 20 December 1895
Vacant	21 December 1895 – 26 December 1895
Joseph Aldéric Quimet (Acting Minister)	27 December – 5 January 1896
Thomas Mayne Daly (Acting Minister)	6 January 1896 – 14 January 1896
Charles Tupper	15 January 1896 – 8 July 1896
Richard W. Scott	13 July 1896 – 8 October 1908
Charles Murphy	9 October 1908 – 6 October 1911
William James Roche	10 October 1911 – 28 October 1912
Louis Coderre	29 October 1912 – 5 October 1915
Pierre Edouard Blondin	6 October 1915 – 7 January 1917
Esiöff-Léon Patenaude	8 January 1917 – 12 June 1917
Albert Sévigny (Acting Minister)	13 June 1917 – 24 August 1917
Arthur Meighen	25 August 1917 – 12 October 1917
Martin Burell	12 October 1917 – 30 December 1919
Arthur Lewis Sifton	31 December 1919 – 21 January 1921
Vacant	22 January 1921 – 23 January 1921
Henry Lumley Drayton (Acting Minister)	24 January 1921 – 20 September 1921

Rodolphe Monty	21 September 1921 – 29 December 1921
Arthur Bliss Copp	29 December 1921 – 24 September 1924
Vacant	25 September 1924
Walter E. Foster	26 September 1925 – 12 November 1925
Charles Murphy (Acting Minister)	13 November 1925 – 23 March 1926
Ernest Lapointe	24 March 1926 – 28 June 1926
George H. Perley	29 June 1926 – 25 September 1926
Fernand Rinfret	25 September 1926 – 7 August 1930
Charles H. Cahan	7 August 1930 – 23 October 1935
Fernand Rinfret	23 October 1935 – 12 July 1939
Vacant	13 July 1939 – 25 July 1939
Ernest Lapointe (Acting Minister)	26 July 1939 – 8 May 1940
Pierre-François Casgrain	9 May 1940 – 14 December 1941
Norman A. McLarty	15 December 1941 – 17 April 1945
Paul Martin	18 April 1945 – 11 December 1946
Colin William Gibson	12 December 1946 – 31 March 1949
Frederick Gordon Bradley	01 April 1949 – 11 June 1953

Ministers of Citizenship and Immigration (1950-1966)

Walter E. Harris	18 January 1950 – 30 June 1954
John W. Pickersgill	1 July 1954 – 21 June 1957
Davie Fulton (Acting Minister)	21 June 1957 – 11 May 1958
Ellen L. Fairclough	12 May 1958 – 8 August 1962
Richard A. Bell	9 August 1962 – 22 April 1963
Guy Favreau	22 April 1963 – 2 February 1964
René Tremblay	3 February 1964 – 14 February 1965
John R. Nicholson	15 February 1965 – 17 December 1965
Jean Marchand	18 December 1965 – 30 September 1966

Secretaries of State (1966-1970)

Judy LaMarsh	[18 December 1965] – 9 April 1968
John Connolly (Acting Minister)	10 April 1968 – 20 April 1968
Jean Marchand	20 April 1968 – 5 July 1968
Gérard Pelletier	6 July 1968 – [26 November 1972]

Minister without portfolio, responsibility for the *Canadian Citizenship Act* (1970-1971)

Robert Stanbury	21 January 1970 – 11 August 1971
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Secretaries of State (1971-1991)

J. Hugh Faulkner	27 November 1972 – 13 September 1976
John Roberts	14 September 1976 – 3 June 1979
David Macdonald	4 June 1979 – 2 March 1980
Francis Fox	3 March 1980 – 21 September 1981
Gerald Regan	22 September 1981 – 5 October 1982

Serge Joyal
Walter F. McLean
Benoit Bouchard
David Crombie
Lucien Bouchard
Gerry Weiner

6 October 1982 – 16 September 1984
17 September 1984 – 19 August 1985
20 August 1985 – 29 June 1986
30 June 1986 – 30 March 1988
31 March 1988 – 29 January 1989
30 January 1989 – 20 April 1991

Minister of Multiculturalism and Citizenship (1991-1994)

Gerry Weiner

21 April 1991 - 24 June 1993

Minister-Designate of Citizenship (25 June 1993 – 3 November 1993)

Gerry Weiner

25 June 1993 – 3 November 1993

Ministers of Citizenship and Immigration (1994 – 2008)

Sergio Marchi
Lucienne Robillard
Elinor Caplan
Denis Coderre
Judy Sgro
Joseph Volpe
Monte Solberg
Diane Finley

4 November 1993 – 24 January 1996
25 January 1996 – 2 August 1999
3 August 1999 – 14 January 2002
15 January 2002 – 11 December 2003
12 December 2003 – 13 January 2005
14 January 2005 – 5 February 2006
6 February 2006 – 3 January 2007
4 January 2007 – 29 October 2008

Ministers of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism (2008 – 2015)

Jason Kenney
Chris Alexander

30 October 2008 – 14 July 2013
15 July 2013 – 3 November 2015

Ministers of Citizenship, Immigration and Refugees

John McCallum
Ahmed Hussen
Marco Mendicino
Sean Fraser

4 November 2015 – 9 January 2017
10 January 2017 – 19 November 2019
20 November 2019 – 25 October 2021
26 October 2021 - Present

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