

Ministers and Deputy Ministers Responsible for Immigration and Citizenship 1867 - 2024

(As of 2024)

Under the *Constitution Act*, 1867, immigration is shared between the federal government and the provinces, with federal legislation prevailing. The following is a chronological list of the ministers responsible for immigration and citizenship in Canada from Confederation to the present. Names of deputy ministers and their dates in office follow names of ministers.

Between 1950 and 1966 and from 1993, the immigration minister has been and is responsible for citizenship. Otherwise, it was the Secretary of State with that responsibility.

Ministers of Agriculture (1862-1892)

Jean-Charles Chapais	1 July 1867 – 15 November 1869
Joseph C. Taché	1 July 1877
Christopher Dunkin	16 November 1869 – 24 October 1871
Joseph C. Taché	
John Henry Pope	25 October 1871 – 5 November 1873
Joseph C. Taché	
Luc Letellier de St. Just	7 November 1873 – 14 December 1876
Joseph C. Taché	
Isaac Burpee (acting)	15 December 1876 – 25 January 1877
Joseph C. Taché	
Charles Alphonse Pantaléon Pelletier	26 January 1877 – 8 October 1878
Joseph C. Taché	
John Henry Pope	17 October 1878 – 24 September 1885
Joseph C. Taché	
John Carling	25 September 1885 – 14 March 1892
Joseph C. Taché	to 1888
John Lowe	from 1888

Ministers of the Interior (1892-1917)

Edgar Dewdney	14 March 1892 – 16 October 1892
John Lowe	
Thomas Mayne Daly, Jr.	17 October 1892 – 27 April 1896
John Lowe	to 1893
Alexander M. Burgess	from 1893
Hugh John MacDonald	1 May 1896 – 8 July 1896
Alexander M. Burgess	
Richard William Scott (acting)	17 July 1896 – 16 November 1896
Alexander M. Burgess	
Clifford Sifton	17 November 1896 – 28 February 1905
Alexander M. Burgess	to 1897
James A. Smart	1897 – 1904
William W. Cory	from 1894

Sir Wilfrid Laurier (acting) William W. Cory	14 March 1905 – 7 April 1905
Frank Oliver William W. Cory	8 April 1905 – 6 October 1911
Robert Rogers William W. Cory	10 October 1911 – 28 October 1912
William James Roche William W. Cory	29 October 1912 – 12 October 1917

Ministers of Immigration and Colonization (1918-1936)

James Alexander Calder William W. Cory Joseph A. Coté William W. Cory	12 October 1917 – 20 September 1921 to 1917 1918 acting
John Wesley Edwards William W. Cory Frederick C. Blair acting	21 September 1921 – 29 December 1921
Hewitt Bostock (acting) Frederick C. Blair	3 January 1922 – 2 February 1922
Charles Stewart (acting) Frederick C. Blair William J. Egan	20 February 1922 – 16 August 1923 from 1923
James Alexander Robb William J. Egan	17 August 1923 – 4 September 1925
George Newcombe Gordon William J. Egan	7 September 1925 – 12 November 1925
Charles Stewart (acting) William J. Egan	13 November 1925 – 28 June 1926
Robert James Manion (acting) William J. Egan	29 June 1926 – 12 July 1926
Sir Henry L. Drayton (acting) William J. Egan	13 July 1926 – 25 September 1926
Robert Forke William J. Egan	25 September 1926 – 29 December 1929
Charles Stewart (acting) William J. Egan	30 December 1929 – 26 June 1930
Ian A. MacKenzie William J. Egan	27 June 1930 – 7 August 1930
Wesley A. Gordon William J. Egan	7 August 1930 – 2 February 1932
Wesley A. Gordon (acting) William J. Egan Thomas Magladery	3 February 1932 – 23 October 1935 to 1934 from 1934
Thomas A. Crerar Thomas Magladery	23 October 1935 – 30 November 1936 to 1936

Ministers of Mines and Resources (1936-1950)

Thomas A. Crerar Charles Camsell	1 December 1936 – 17 April 1945 from 1936
James Allison Glen Charles Camsell C.W. Jackson	18 April 1945 – 10 June 1948 to 1945 1946
Hugh.L. Keenleyside	from 1947
James Angus MacKinnon Hugh.L. Keenleyside	11 June 1948 – 31 March 1949
Colin William George Gibson	1 April 1949 – 17 January 1950

Ministers of Citizenship and Immigration (1950-1966)

Walter E. Harris	18 January 1950 – 30 June 1954
Laval Fortier	from 1950
John W. Pickersgill	1 July 1954 – 21 June 1957
Laval Fortier	
Davie Fulton (acting)	21 June 1957 – 11 May 1958
Laval Fortier	
Ellen L. Fairclough	12 May 1958 – 8 August 1962
Laval Fortier	to 1959
George F. Davidson	from 1960
Richard A. Bell	9 August 1962 – 22 April 1963
George F. Davidson	to 1963
H.M. Jones	from 1963 acting
Guy Favreau	22 April 1963 – 2 February 1964
H.M. Jones	to 1964 acting
C.M. Isbister	from 1963
René Tremblay	3 February 1964 – 14 February 1965
C.M. Isbister	
John R. Nicholson	15 February 1965 – 17 December 1965
C.M. Isbister	
Jean Marchand	18 December 1965 – 30 September 1966
C.M. Isbister	to 1965
Tom Kent	from 1966

Ministers of Manpower and Immigration (1967-1977)

Jean Marchand	1 October 1966 – 5 July 1968
Tom Kent	
Allan J. MacEachen	6 July 1968 – 24 September 1970
Tom Kent	to 1968
Louis E. Couillard	from 1968
Otto E. Lang	24 September 1970 – 27 January 1972
Louis E. Couillard	
Bryce S. Mackasey	28 January 1972 – 26 November 1972
Louis E. Couillard	to 1972
Jacques Desroches	from 1971
Robert K. Andras	27 November 1972 – 13 September 1976
Jacques Desroches	to 1973
Allan E. Gottlieb	from 1973
Jack S.G. (Bud) Cullen	14 September 1976 – 14 August 1977
Allan E. Gottlieb	to 1977
Jack L. Mannion	from 1977

Ministers of Employment and Immigration (1977-1993)

Styled Canada Employment and Immigration Commission

Jack S.G. (Bud) Cullen	15 August 1977 – 3 June 1979
Jack L. Manion	
Ronald G. Atkey	4 June 1979 – 2 March 1980
Jack L. Manion	to 1979
J.D. Love	from 1979
Lloyd Axworthy	3 March 1980 – 12 August 1983
J.D. Love	to 1981
Gaëtan Lussier	from 1982

John Roberts	12 August 1983 – 16 September 1984
Gaëtan Lussier	
Flora I. MacDonald	17 September 1984 – 14 July 1986
Gaëtan Lussier	
Benoit Bouchard	14 July 1986 – 31 March 1988
Gaëtan Lussier	to 1986
Arthur Kroeger	from 1986
Barbara MacDougall	31 March 1988 – 21 April 1991
Arthur Kroeger	
Bernard Valcourt	21 April 1991 – 25 June 1993
Arthur Kroeger	

Minister-Designate of Public Security

Douglas Lewis	25 June 1993 – 3 November 1993
V. Peter Harder	from 1993

Minister-Designate of Human Resources and Labour)

Bernard Valcourt	25 June 1993 – 3 November 1993
Jean-Jacques Noreau	from 1993

Ministers of Citizenship and Immigration (1993 – 2008)

Sergio Marchi	4 November 1993 – 24 January 1996
V. Peter Harder	from 1993
Janice Cochrane	from 1995
Lucienne Robillard	25 January 1996 – 2 August 1999
Janice Cochrane	
Elinor Caplan	3 August 1999 – 14 January 2002
Janice Cochrane	to 2001
Michel Dorais	from 2001
Denis Coderre	15 January 2002 – 11 December 2003
Michel Dorais	
Judy Sgro	12 December 2003 – 13 January 2005
Michel Dorais	to 2004
Janice Charette	from 2004
Joseph Volpe	14 January 2005 – 5 February 2006
Janice Charette	
Monte Solberg	6 February 2006 – 3 January 2007
Janice Charette	to 2006
Richard Fadden	from 2006
Diane Finley	4 January 2007 – 29 October 2008
Richard Fadden	

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

Jason Kenney	30 October 2008 – 14 July 2013
Richard Fadden	to 2009
Neil Yeates	from 2009
Chris Alexander	15 July 2013 – 3 November 2015
Neil Yeates	to 2013

Ministers of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship (2015 – Present)

John McCallum	4 November 2015 – 9 January 2017
Anita Bigusz	from 2013 to 2016
Marta Morgan	from 2016
Ahmed Hussen	10 January 2017 – 19 November 2019
Marta Morgan	to 2019
Catrina Tapley	from 2019
Marco Mendicino	November 20, 2019 – October 25 2021
Catrina Tapley	
Sean Fraser	26 October 2021 – July 26 2023
Catrina Tapley	to May 4, 2022
Christiane Fox	from July 18 2022
Marc Miller	July 26 2023
Christiane Fox	to July 18, 2022
Dr. Harpreet Kochhar	from January 27, 2024

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