

CITIZENSHIP ACT CHANGES

On June 19, 2017, Bill C-6 passed Parliament. Some changes included:

Requirement to intend to live in Canada once granted citizenship is repealed

Citizenship revocation provisions only applying to dual citizens are repealed

Minors can qualify on their own without the need to have a Canadian parent

**JUNE
2017**

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2018**

**OCTOBER
2017**

More changes to the *Citizenship Act* to take effect at later dates:

A new citizenship revocation process with the Federal Court as the decision-maker on most cases

Citizenship officers will be allowed to seize fraudulent or suspected fraudulent documents

As of October 11, 2017, new changes include:

Required physical presence in Canada reduced to 3 out of 5 years

Days spent in Canada before becoming a permanent resident, within 5 years of applying for citizenship, count as half days (up to 365 days) towards physical presence requirements

Age range for language and knowledge requirements reduced to 18-54 years old

Time required for applicants to file income taxes before applying for citizenship is reduced to 3 out of 5 years

