



Applying for Citizenship?

Here are the changes you need to know.

On **October 11, 2017**, some changes to the *Citizenship Act* as a result of Bill C-6 become LAW. Here are some of the changes that you need to know about before applying for your citizenship.

PHYSICAL PRESENCE

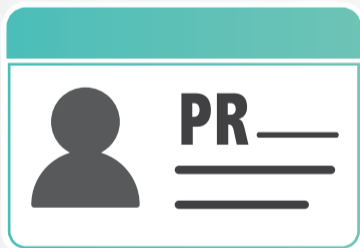


You must be **PHYSICALLY PRESENT IN CANADA**

for **3 OUT OF THE LAST 5 YEARS** with no minimum number of days per year, before applying for citizenship.



Previously: You had to be physically present in Canada for 4 out of the last 6 years, with a minimum of **183 days** in each of the 4 years, before applying for citizenship.



DAYS SPENT IN CANADA BEFORE BECOMING A PERMANENT RESIDENT

(as a temporary resident or protected person) within 5 years of applying for citizenship, **COUNT AS ½ DAYS**, up to a maximum of 1 year (365 days).

Previously: The time spent in Canada before becoming a permanent resident did not count towards the physical presence requirement for citizenship.

LANGUAGE AND KNOWLEDGE



If you are between **18 YEARS OLD** and **54 YEARS OLD**

YOU **MUST:**

- ✓ Meet language (English or French) requirements
- ✓ Take the Citizenship Test

Previously: If you were between 14 and 64 years, you had to meet the language and knowledge requirements for citizenship.

INCOME TAX



You have to file **CANADIAN INCOME TAXES**

(if required to do so under the *Income Tax Act*)

for **3 OUT OF 5 YEARS**, matching the new physical presence requirement.

Previously: You had to file Canadian income taxes, if required to do so under the *Income Tax Act*, for 4 out of 6 years.

ALL THE CHANGES ABOVE TAKE EFFECT ON OCTOBER 11, 2017

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