

ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF OFFICIAL LANGUAGES CHAMPIONS



WHO APPOINTS THE CHAMPIONS?

The official languages champions are appointed by the deputy head of their institution.

Ideally, the champions serve on the executive committee of their institution, but have no reporting duties or specific responsibilities regarding the application of official languages legislation and policies.

WHAT IS THE CHAMPIONS' ROLE?

The role of the Official Languages Champions is included in the *Policy on Official Languages*.

It mainly consists of demonstrating leadership, listening, summarizing, exerting influence and communicating.

WHAT ARE THEIR MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES?

- I. The Champions exert influence and provide leadership in the development of action plans and the promotion of initiatives related to official languages within their institution.
- II. They provide support to the deputy or agency head and senior officials responsible for the implementation of parts IV, V, VI and VII of the *Official Languages Act*.
- III. They represent their institution on files related to official languages and share information with employees of their institution.

For examples of activities and behaviours that may be adopted, please consult the Council of the Network of Official Languages Champions' [Dare! Osez!](#) website.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES ACT IN BRIEF



PART IV: Communications with and Services to the Public



PART V: Language of Work



PART VI: Participation of English-speaking and French-speaking Canadians



PART VII: Advancement of English and French
(Supporting the development of minority communities)

Do you have any questions? Please do not hesitate to contact [Maya Bélanger](#), National Coordinator of the Council of the Network of Official Languages Champions, or the officials responsible for the official languages file in your institution.