

## Canada: Chronology of Legislation Cited (1867–1982)

Date	Legislation	Jurisdiction	Description
1867	British North American Act	National	The Canadian Constitution, repatriated in 1982
1885	Chinese Immigration Act (Head Tax)	Federal	Required a high fee by Chinese immigrants entering Canada
1914	War Measures Act (Emergencies Act since 1988)	Federal	Suspension of civil liberties. Came into force three times: First and Second World Wars and October 1970
1916–40	Amendments to provincial Elections Acts in different years	Provincial	Women received right to vote in provincial elections
1918	An Act to Confer the Electoral Franchise upon Women	Federal	Women received right to vote in federal elections
1923	Chinese Immigration Act of 1923 (Chinese Exclusion Act)	Federal	Banned most immigrants from China
1944	Racial Discrimination Act	Ontario	Prohibited the display of discriminatory signs and advertisements
1945	Social Assistance Act	British Columbia	Prohibited discrimination in social assistance programs
1947	Bill of Rights	Saskatchewan	The first ever Bill of Rights in Canada
1948	United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights	International	Sets out, for the first time, fundamental human rights to be universally protected
1950	Conveyancing and Law of Property Amendment Act	Ontario	Prohibited future racial restrictive covenants
1960	Canadian Bill of Rights	Federal	The first federal law to protect human rights and fundamental freedoms
1960	Canada Elections Act	Federal	Parts of the Act were repealed in order to extend voting rights to Indigenous Peoples, with status
1962	Human Rights Code	Ontario	Prohibited discrimination on multiple enumerated grounds
1972	Bill of Rights	Alberta	Prohibited discrimination on multiple enumerated grounds
1973	Human Rights Act	New Brunswick	In 1976, New Brunswick amended its original Act to include disability
1974	Human Rights Code	British Columbia	The Code included "reasonable cause" and therefore was not limited to specific grounds
1975	Quebec Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms	Quebec	Holds precedence over all other provincial legislation
1977	Human Rights Act	Federal	Federal statute that prohibited discrimination in all government institutions
1982	Charter of Rights and Freedoms	National	Supreme law of Canada. Protects basic rights and freedoms of all Canadians