



Modernization of the *Official Languages Act* BILL C-32 AT A GLANCE

Key Asks by FCFA and Francophone and Acadian Communities	Included in its Entirety	Partially Included	Requires Clarification
<i>Official Languages Act</i> recognizes specific realities of French language	✓		
The <i>Act</i> requires the federal government to take measures to protect and promote the French language – not only outside Quebec but also in Quebec	✓		
The <i>Act</i> recognizes the foundational importance of culture for Canada’s linguistic duality	✓		
The <i>Act</i> recognizes New Brunswick’s specific language realities.	✓		
The <i>Act</i> confirms the right of Canadians to be heard and understood in the official language of their choice before Supreme Court	✓		
The Court Challenges Program is enshrined in the <i>Official Languages Act</i> , conferring it an extra level of protection	✓		
The <i>Act</i> requires federal government to periodically adopt an action plan on official languages	✓		
The <i>Act</i> includes an obligation to enumerate all Canadians with the constitutional right to education in the language of the minority	✓		
The <i>Act</i> requires the federal government to support education in the language of the minority	✓		
The government is required to review the <i>Official Languages Act</i> every 10 years	✓		
The <i>Act</i> clarifies and specifies what sort of positive measures federal institutions can adopt to support official language minority communities and promotion French and English	✓		
The <i>Act</i> recognizes that all Canadians who want to learn their second official language should have the opportunity to do so	✓		
The <i>Act</i> recognizes the importance of federal government support for official language minority community institutions	✓		
The <i>Act</i> takes the protection of indigenous languages into account	✓		

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The <i>Act</i> requires federal fund transfers to provinces and territories to include robust language clauses that ensure impacts for Francophones		~	
The responsibility of coordinating the implementation of the <i>Official Languages Act</i> is conferred to a central federal institution in a position of authority over the federal apparatus		~	■
The <i>Act</i> requires the federal government to adopt a policy to foster Francophone immigration and restore the demographic weight of French in Canada		~	
The <i>Act</i> creates an administrative tribunal with the power to hear complaints regarding violations of language obligations by federal institutions			■
The <i>Act</i> requires federal institutions to consult official language minority communities, in an effective manner, on programs and policies that have an impact on them			■
The <i>Act</i> explicitly states that languages and obligations remain intact when transferred to other levels or government or to third parties			■
The <i>Act</i> creates an official languages promotion fund, financed through monetary sanctions imposed on federal institutions in terms of violations of language obligations			■