



# Canadian Legislative Pulse<sup>®</sup>

## Product Overview

## About Canadian Legislative Pulse

### Background

Canadian Legislative Pulse is a unique workflow tool that provides users with one convenient location to obtain information on the progress of bills in the federal and provincial legislatures. Subscribers have access to an on-line service which enables them to locate and track detailed information, from first reading dates to proclamations and in force dates, for all the legislatures across Canada. The search engine allows users to locate bills by jurisdiction, session of parliament, bill title, chapter number or amended act.

### When was the database created? When did legislative tracking start?

- The database was created in January 2002.
- The tracking of all bills that were in session in the Federal and Provincial Legislatures started in January 2002.

### When and how often is the content updated?

- When in session, our editors check each Legislative Assembly website (or other source) on a daily basis. Please see our *Source Table* below for specific source information.
- Updates are posted as soon as they are available from various government sources. Please note that it often takes several days for the government sites to make bills available. This is especially true of Royal Assent bills. Editors endeavor to add bills as soon as possible.
- Our programming is designed to upload new data from the editors at regular intervals throughout the day, ensuring that the information is being updated as soon as possible.
- New information that is obtained on the Federal and Provincial Legislative Assembly websites, from the previous day's sitting, is updated and made available to our customers by 12:00 noon the following business day. Editors check the available legislative sites in the morning, before 10:00 a.m. and in the afternoon, before 3:00 p.m, in order to ensure timely and accurate updating.
- The "Session Info" link opens a pop-up window with the date/time that a change was last recorded on the source. Please note that if the session is not sitting and there is no legislative activity the "Last Updated" information **will not change during that period**, even though the editors are checking the site regularly.
- Legislative Pulse will not be updated between Christmas Eve and New Year's Day.

## What types of bills are the editors tracking in Legislative Pulse?

- **Federal bills** – Includes all government bills introduced in Parliament. Private Members' bills are listed after Second Reading.
- **Provincial bills** – Includes all public government bills from the 13 provincial and territorial legislatures. Local and private government bills are not listed, therefore gaps in numbering may occur.

## Why don't all the jurisdictions indicate second reading amendments?

Whenever possible, bills that are amended after second reading are noted in the progress of legislation tables with an asterisk (\*). This information, however, is not currently available for Nunavut, the Northwest Territories and Prince Edward Island. If this information becomes available in the future, it will be added to the site.

## Which bills in Legislative Pulse link to the full-text version of the bill on the Legislative Assembly website?

- As availability varies from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, not all bills will include a link. The blue info icon (i) adjacent to the *Reading Date* indicates that a link to the full-text bill has been added.
- Typically, the first and third reading dates of bills will link to the full-text of the bill on the Legislative Assembly website. However, we will provide a link whenever a full-text version of the bill exists.
- Each link will be available as long as the full-text bill remains on the Legislative Assembly website. Please note that if a session of the Federal or Provincial Legislature ends, and the bills are removed from their site, the links on the Legislative Pulse site will no longer be active. Editors will maintain links to those bills that are available from the current sessions of parliament.
- **For Alberta Bills Only:** Third reading links from previous spring and fall sittings will no longer work once new sittings commence.

The following table summarizes which readings are currently available online for each of the legislatures:

Jurisdiction	1st Reading	2nd Reading (amended)	3rd Reading	3rd Reading (2nd House)
Federal	✓	✓	✓	✓
Alberta	✓		✓	
British Columbia	✓		✓	
Manitoba	✓		✓	
New Brunswick	✓		✓	
Newfoundland and Labrador	✓		✓	
NWT	✓		✓	
Nova Scotia	✓		✓	
Nunavut	✓		✓	
Ontario	✓	✓	✓	
PEI	✓		✓	
Quebec	✓		✓	
Saskatchewan	✓		✓	
Yukon	✓			

## Sources

The following sources are used by the editorial staff at LexisNexis Canada to collect information on the progression of legislation:

Jurisdiction	Reading Dates	Amendments	Proclamation Dates	Chapter Numbers
<b>Federal</b>	Parliamentary Internet	Parliamentary Internet	Canada Gazette, Part II	Parliamentary Internet
<b>Alberta</b>	Legislative Assembly	Legislative Assembly	Government of Alberta Orders in Council Site and QP Source Internet Site	Legislative Assembly
<b>British Columbia</b>	Legislative Assembly	Legislative Assembly	BCLaws	Legislative Assembly
<b>Manitoba</b>	Legislative Assembly	Legislative Assembly	Manitoba Laws Site	Legislative Assembly
<b>New Brunswick</b>	Legislative Assembly	Legislative Assembly	Government of New Brunswick Online Gazette	Government of New Brunswick Acts and RegulationsPage
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>	Legislative Assembly	Legislative Assembly	Government of Newfoundland and Labrador Online Gazette	Legislative Assembly
<b>NWT</b>	Legislative Assembly	Legislative Assembly	Government of North Territories Online Gazette	Northwest Territories Department of Justice Page
<b>Nova Scotia</b>	Legislative Assembly	Legislative Assembly	Government of Nova Scotia Orders in Council site	Legislative Assembly
<b>Nunavut</b>	Legislative Assembly	Legislative Assembly	Nunavut Online Gazette	Nunavut Department of Justice Page
<b>Ontario</b>	Legislative Assembly	Legislative Assembly	Government of Ontario Online Gazette	Legislative Assembly
<b>PEI</b>	Legislative Assembly	Legislative Assembly	Government of PEI Online Gazette	Legislative Assembly
<b>Quebec</b>	Legislative Assembly	Legislative Assembly	Quebec Gazette Online (paid site)	Legislative Assembly
<b>Saskatchewan</b>	Legislative Assembly	Legislative Assembly	Government of Saskatchewan Queen's Printer Online Gazette	Legislative Assembly
<b>Yukon</b>	Legislative Assembly	Legislative Assembly	Government of Yukon Online Gazette	Government of Yukon Annual Acts Page

## Source Information for Proclamations

Effective May 5, 2003, our editors began inserting the source information for proclamations of Federal and Provincial bills. Specifically, Federal bills now include the Statutory Instrument number in which the proclamation was published. Similarly, the Provincial bills now include the Order in Council number or Gazette date in which the proclamation was reported. The information appears in brackets following the proclamation date, for example (SI/2003-0043).

## Canadian Legislative Pulse – Regulations Tables

### Background

The regulations tables on Canadian Legislative Pulse serve as a unique workflow tool that provides users with one convenient location to obtain information on new regulations from the Federal, Provincial, and Territorial jurisdictions. Subscribers have access to an online service that enables them to link to the regulations where available. The search engine allows users to locate regulations by regulation title, regulation number, or issuing act.

### When did regulations listing start?

- Regulations for all jurisdictions except Quebec started in January, 2007.

### When and how are the regulations updated

- Our editors check each jurisdiction's on-line Gazette (or other source) on a regular basis. Please see our *Source Table* below for specific source information.
- New information that is obtained on the Federal, Provincial, and Territorial websites or paper subscriptions are posted as they are available; in cases where there are very large numbers of regulations they will be posted within five business days of becoming available.

### What types of regulations are tracked on Legislative Pulse?

- All regulations and rules are listed. Proclamations and provincial orders that are issued as regulations are not listed in the regulations tables; all Federal SORs are listed.

## Which regulations in Legislative Pulse link to the full-text version of the bill on the Legislative Assembly website?

- As availability varies from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, not all regulations will include a link. The blue info icon (i) adjacent to the *Reading Date* indicates that a link to the full-text bill has been added.
- Links to external sites will remain on Legislative Pulse as long as the regulation remains on the primary source website. Please note that if the government site removes the regulation from their site, the links on the Legislative Pulse site will no longer be active. The following table lists which regulations are currently available online for each of the jurisdictions:

Jurisdiction	Link to regulation available
Federal	✓
Alberta	✓
British Columbia	✓
Manitoba	✓
New Brunswick	✓
Newfoundland and Labrador	✓
NWT	✓
Nova Scotia	✓
Nunavut	✓
Ontario	✓
PEI	✓
Quebec	
Saskatchewan	✓
Yukon	✓

## Sources

The following sources are used by the editorial staff at LexisNexis Canada to collect information on new and amending regulations:

Jurisdiction	Source for regulations	Update Frequency
Federal	<a href="#">Gazette</a>	Bi-Weekly
Alberta	<a href="#">Gazette</a>	Twice/month (on the 15 <sup>th</sup> and last day of the month)
British Columbia	<a href="#">BC Laws</a>	Bi-Weekly
Manitoba	<a href="#">Unconsolidated Regulations</a>	Weekly
New Brunswick	<a href="#">Gazette</a>	Weekly
Newfoundland and Labrador	<a href="#">Gazette</a>	Weekly
NWT	<a href="#">Gazette</a>	Weekly
Nova Scotia	<a href="#">Gazette</a>	Bi-Weekly
Nunavut	<a href="#">Gazette</a>	Monthly
Ontario	<a href="#">Gazette</a>	Weekly
PEI	<a href="#">Gazette</a>	Weekly
Quebec	Currently not available. A link to the Quebec Gazette has been added to the main page under the chart and the table of contents.	
Saskatchewan	<a href="#">Gazette</a>	Weekly
Yukon	<a href="#">Gazette</a>	Monthly

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