**Division of Powers and Responsibilities—KEY**

**Federal**
- Armed Forces
- Copyright
- Immigration
- National defence and security
- Passports
- Postal services
- Supreme Court of Canada
- Relations with Aboriginal Peoples
- Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP)
- War and peace
- International development and aid
- Employment Insurance
- Foreign policy
- Criminal law
- Treaty negotiations with First Nations
- International trade and commerce
- Money and banking
- Old Age Pensions
- Child tax benefits
- Trans-Canada Highway
- Shipping waterways
- Social Insurance Numbers
- Telecommunications and Internet
- Federal parks and heritage sites
- National health care funding

**First Nations**
- Treaty negotiations with Federal Government
- Land claims negotiations with federal, provincial, and municipal governments
- Local government on reserves or First Nations lands
- Election of First Nations Chiefs
- Education on reserves (band-run schools)
- Negotiation of First Nations fishing and hunting rights with federal and provincial governments
- Natural resource management on First Nations lands
- Aboriginal self-government negotiations with Crown
- Child and family services for First Nations children

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*Note that First Nations (band) governance on reserves has many of the same powers and responsibilities as local or municipal governments.*

*Also, many First Nations powers and responsibilities are still in negotiation and are shared between the federal government (Indian and Northern Affairs Canada) and First Nations.*
Division of Powers and Responsibilities—KEY

Provincial

- Courts and civil laws
- Property laws
- Highways
- Education and schools
- Drivers' licences
- Health services and hospitals
- Provincial parks and heritage sites
- Management of province's natural resources
- Labour laws: minimum wages, work conditions, safety
- Liquor licenses
- Marriage licenses and divorce decrees
- Family courts, child custody
- Child protection services
- Legal names
- Birth certificates

Municipal or Local:

- School boards
- School taxes
- Police and fire protection
- Water and sewage services
- Municipal parks
- Swimming pools
- Recreation and community centres
- Local public transportation
- Libraries
- Local roads
- Snow removal
- Boulevard and tree maintenance
- Street signs, traffic, parking
- Garbage pick-up
- Ambulance services
- Local recycling programs
- Property taxes
- Zoning laws
- Building permits

Areas of shared federal/provincial powers and responsibilities:

Transportation
Communication
Immigration
Health
Environment
Agriculture
Social assistance

Correctional facilities
Energy
Human rights
Marriage and divorce laws
Tourism and travel
Income taxes
Sales taxes

Aboriginal self-government: The ability of Aboriginal governments to pass laws and make decisions about matters that affect their communities and lands, including the establishment of new governing structures and institutions, in partnership with all orders of government in Canada.