

## HANDOUT 3.2: HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CANADIAN CHARTER OF RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS

	Highlights	Examples
 <b>Fundamental Rights</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You have the freedom to pray and worship in your own way, or not to pray or worship at all.</li> <li>You have the freedom to shape your own opinions.</li> <li>You have the freedom to express your opinions.</li> <li>The media is free to report on anything in Canada.</li> <li>You can hold rallies to express your disagreements.</li> <li>You can choose your own friends.</li> </ul>	You cannot be punished for your religious beliefs.
 <b>Democratic Rights</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If you are a citizen and 18 years old, you can vote in elections.</li> <li>If you are a citizen and 18 years old, you can compete for the job of a politician (run for office).</li> <li>The rule that governments must have elections every five years or less.</li> <li>The rule that elected governments must meet at least once every year.</li> </ul>	You can become a candidate or run for political office when you turn 18.
 <b>Mobility Rights</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You can live and work in any province or territory in Canada.</li> <li>You can leave and come back to Canada when you want.</li> </ul>	You can visit another country and come back when you choose.
 <b>Legal Rights</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If you are arrested, you must be told of your option to see a lawyer.</li> <li>If needed, you must go to court in an amount of time that is considered fair.</li> <li>You must be considered innocent until proven guilty.</li> </ul>	You will receive a fair trial if you are accused of a crime.
 <b>Equality Rights</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You cannot be treated unfairly for many reasons. This includes your race, background, religion, gender, age, or mental or physical ability.</li> </ul>	You cannot be left out from an activity because of a disability.
 <b>Official Languages of Canada</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You can talk or write to the federal government in English or French. This is also the case for some provincial governments, like in Ontario.</li> </ul>	You can send a letter to your Member of Parliament in English or French.
 <b>Minority Language Education Rights</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You can learn in English or French based on your language.</li> </ul>	You can attend a French school in Ontario, if you show you are a French speaker.