

Levels of Government and Daily-Life Situations

Answer the following questions, stating which level of government would be involved: federal, provincial, First Nation, or local.

1. You are driving on a highway and are stopped by the police on a routine check. How do you prove that you are legally entitled to drive?

What level of government issues this card? _____

2. You have a minor car accident in the parking lot at the shopping centre. Which card do you produce to prove your car is insured?

Which level of government issues this card? _____

3. Your family decides to travel to India. You have never left North America before. What government document must you apply for?

Which level of government issues it?

4. On a driving trip to the United States you spend \$500 on clothing and souvenirs. When you return to Canada you discover that you cannot bring that quantity into the country without paying duty. Which level of government decides this?

5. Your aunt in a nearby town decides to build an addition onto her house. Before she does she must get a building permit. Which level of government issues this?

6. You are applying for a part-time job and your employer requests your Social Insurance Number. Which level of government issues this?

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7. You fall out of a tree at a local park and break your leg. Your parents take you to the hospital. What information will you have to provide at the admittance desk?

Which level of government is responsible for these services?

8. One evening your brother and his girlfriend decide to get married. They want to get married right away, but they find out they cannot get married without the proper government forms. What forms are required? _____

Which level of government issues them? _____

9. The census taker appears at your door and asks a lot of questions you do not wish to answer. You are told that the law requires that you give this information. Which level of government made this law?

10. You and your wealthy uncle go on a hunting trip. Around the fire one night, he promises to leave all his money to you. Your uncle dies a short time later, and after the funeral you ask about your inheritance. You are told that there are many laws dealing with death and inheritance, and you will have to wait. Why?

What level of government is responsible for these laws?

11. You are a band member of a local First Nation and you marry a person from a neighbouring First Nation. After the birth of your first child, you decide to register the baby with *your* band. What level of government is responsible for registering this status? _____

12. At 2:00 a.m. on a Saturday night you are stopped by a local police officer at a local park. He tells you that you are breaking curfew and instructs you to go home. What level of government is given the authority to enforce a curfew?

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13. Your five-year-old brother started Kindergarten this past fall. The school required that he be up-to-date on all his vaccinations. How can your parents prove that he is?

What level of government keeps these records?

14. You suspect that one of the teachers in your school is not legally entitled to teach. What document can she produce to prove she/he is a *real* teacher? Which level of government issues this proof?
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