

# Appendix

## APPENDIX 2: LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT

In Canada, we have various levels of government including:

- Federal
- Provincial and Territorial
- Municipal
- First Nation Self-Government – formed by a self-government agreement and Act

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## APPENDIX 3: TERRITORIAL ELECTIONS

An MLA (Member of Legislative Assembly) is a person elected by the people of the NWT to serve as their representative in the Legislative Assembly.

Here is a list of Eligible versus Ineligible Candidates:

Eligible MLA Candidate	Ineligible MLA Candidate
At least 18 years old	You are an Election Leader.
Canadian Citizen	You are someone's Official Agent.
A resident of the NWT for at least 12 consecutive months	You are a member of Parliament or Legislative Assembly in another province or territory.
	You are imprisoned in a correctional institution as the result of a conviction for an offense.
	You have been convicted of a major election offense within the past five years.

\* You do not need to live in an electoral district to be a candidate there\*

There are 19 districts within the NWT where an MLA is elected to represent and serve a 4-year term. An MLA's job is to make laws that govern the people in the NWT and to keep track and advice on how public money is spent on government programs and services.

Candidates who are elected to the Legislative Assembly serve several important roles including:

- Cabinet Minister
- Premier
- Speaker
- Committee Member

The Legislation that governs the Territorial Elections for candidates competing for the role of MLA is the Elections and Plebiscites Act of the NWT.

In the NWT there are no political parties, as we use a system called a consensus-style government. This means that anyone who is eligible can run as a territorial candidate.

MLA nomination papers must include a copy of any code of conduct established by the Legislative Assembly for its members, and information respecting the conflict of interest requirements. You become an official candidate once the Returning Officer has accepted your nomination papers for the electoral district. There is a 29-day campaign period where candidates may formally campaign for office.