

What is an MLA?

An MLA, or **Member of the Legislative Assembly**, is an elected representative at the **provincial level of government**. MLAs participate in political debates during sessions of the Legislative Assembly in Victoria.

- There are 87 MLAs in British Columbia representing 87 different constituencies throughout the province.
- Everyone in British Columbia has an MLA and each constituency encompasses approximately 20,000 - 80,000 people.
- MLAs are generally elected approximately once every four years.
- You can find your MLA based on your residential address.
- Bowinn Ma was originally elected in 2017 and represents approximately 60,000 people within the riding of North Vancouver-Lonsdale.

Federal Responsibilities

- Immigration
- International border control
- International travel
- Employment Insurance (EI)
- Veteran affairs
- International relations
- Banking
- Canada Post
- Copyright Law
- Criminal Law
- Federal taxes
- Etc.

Provincial Responsibilities

- Pandemic response
- Health care
- Schools, education & skills training
- Child and family welfare
- Employment standards
- Income & disability assistance
- BC Gaming Grants
- Highways & regional transportation
- BC Hydro
- BC Housing
- BC Transit
- ICBC
- Etc.

Municipal Responsibilities

- Building permits
- Zoning
- City parks
- Local streets and sidewalks
- Parking
- Collection of garbage, recycling
- Water and sewer services
- Fire services and police
- Licensing and control of pets
- Property taxes
- TransLink (regional)
- Etc.

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