Then and Now

The official guide was written in 2012. These facts have changed. On the test, read each question carefully and choose the answer that fits it. All "Now" facts are as of November 2026: check them again before your test.

Lesson	In the guide	Now (as of November 2026)
1	many pages speak of the Queen, Queen Elizabeth the Second.	the Sovereign is King Charles the Third. The oath names him.
5	Sir John A. Macdonald is on the $10 bill.	the newer $10 bill shows Viola Desmond. Older $10 bills with Macdonald are still in use. If a test question asks about the $10 bill, it follows the guide.
8	the Sovereign is Queen Elizabeth the Second.	the Sovereign is King Charles the Third. The Governor General is Louise Arbour, the 31st Governor General, in office since June 8, 2026. The Prime Minister is Mark Carney. These facts change: check them again before your test (see Lesson 12 and Your Extras).
9	Canada has 308 electoral districts.	Canada has 343 electoral districts. The number rose from 338 to 343 at the election of April 28, 2025.
9	three major parties are named in the House of Commons: the Conservative Party, the Liberal Party and the New Democratic Party.	the parties in the House change after each election. Check the current list before your test.
10	some trial courts are called the Court of Queen's Bench.	with a King on the throne, these courts are called the Court of King's Bench.
11	Queen Elizabeth the Second, Queen since 1952, celebrating her Diamond Jubilee in 2012.	King Charles the Third is the Sovereign.
11	the second line of the English anthem says "in all thy sons command".	since a law of February 2018, the line is "in all of us command".
11	the guide's list of holidays and special days does not include September 30.	since 2021 there is also a federal day, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, on September 30.

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12	NAFTA, and Canada as part of the G8 (with the United States, Germany, the United Kingdom, Italy, France, Japan and Russia).	a new agreement, the Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement (CUSMA), replaced NAFTA in 2020. Russia was suspended from the group in 2014, and since then it meets as the G7.
12	about 34 million people.	about 41.8 million (Statistics Canada estimate for July 1, 2026).
12	Nunavut's Legislative Assembly has 19 members.	it has 22 members.

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