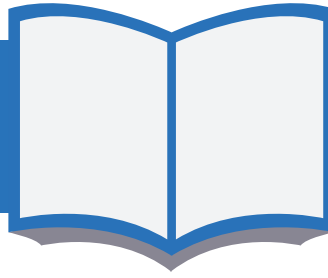


Participant Handouts Scenarios



Scenario 1 Worksheet: Demonstration

I always believed that once I get the permanent resident status, I will have the same rights as any other Canadian. But someone told me that since I am a permanent resident, I can be forced to leave Canada no matter how long I've lived here. Is it better if I apply for citizenship?

Start on the Steps to Justice topic, "Canadian citizenship" with the question, "I'm a permanent resident of Canada. Should I apply to become a citizen?"

- What are some of the different rights that permanent residents have compared to Canadian citizens?
- What are some reasons why the government could force a permanent resident to leave the country?
- What are the only two reasons for removing someone's Canadian citizenship?
- What are the risks that come with applying for Canadian citizenship?
- Can you be a citizen in another country and still apply for Canadian citizenship?



Scenario 2 Worksheet

I am 16 and I just came to Canada from Brazil with my family. I don't speak English very well and I don't speak French at all. Someone told me you need to be able to speak and read both of these languages to become a Canadian citizen. Does this mean I can't become a citizen?

Start on the Steps to Justice topic, "Canadian Citizenship" with the question, "I can't pass the citizenship test or speak and understand English or French well enough. Can I become a citizen?"

- What are the requirements for citizenship?
- Can this person become a citizen?
- What can you do if you can't meet some of the requirements?
- How can I prove that I really can't meet the requirements?
- Do you believe it's fair to require people to speak/understand English or French to be eligible to become a Canadian citizen?



Scenario 3 Worksheet

I have permanent resident status in Canada. I was at a party last night with some friends and things got a little out of hand. Everyone was drunk and some guys annoyed me, so I got into a fight. Then I heard shots being fired, a few people got hurt and someone died. Everyone involved in the fight is being charged and questioned. I am so scared – am I going to lose my status?

Start on the Steps to Justice topic, “Keeping your permanent resident status” with the question, “I’m a permanent resident and I’ve been charged with a crime. Will I be forced to leave Canada?”

- When could someone lose permanent resident status because of a crime they committed or participated in?
- What is considered a “serious crime”?
- What is the first thing this person should do?
- What are the rights a permanent resident has when charged with a crime?
- Can you become a Canadian citizen to avoid getting deported because of being charged with a crime?



Scenario 4 Worksheet

Last summer was great - I went back home to India! I have been a permanent resident in Canada for about 5 years, so I had not seen my family in a long time. I stayed there for 3 months. But when I came back to Canada, I was stopped at the airport and told that I may have stayed outside the country for too long. Should I worry? Will I lose my permanent resident status?

Start on the Steps to Justice topic, “Keeping your permanent resident status” with the question, “I spent time outside Canada. Could I lose my permanent resident status?”

- How much time does a permanent resident have to spend in Canada?
- How do I prove that I am a permanent resident when I come back to Canada after traveling?
- Can I exceed the time spent outside Canada if it's for work?
- Can I count the time spent outside Canada with my spouse who is Canadian?
- What can I do to be allowed to travel as much as I want?



Scenario 5 Worksheet

I have been living in Canada and working to save money to bring my family here too. I really don't have any idea about Canadian immigration laws, though. I definitely can't afford an expensive lawyer. Where can I get the legal help I need?

Start on the Steps to Justice topic, "Getting legal help in immigration law" with the question, "Where can I get legal advice and help with a problem about immigration status in Canada?"

- Who can give me legal help?
- What are some of the topics they can help with?
- What should I do before I talk to an immigration professional?
- Will I qualify for help from a legal clinic?
- What are my options if I can't afford a lawyer?