

Collection Development Policy: Government Information

Government publications are those issued or published under the authority of government bodies at all levels - international, national, federal, provincial/territorial, local governmental bodies and intergovernmental bodies.

This policy adheres to the guiding principles of the [Carleton University Library's Collection Development Policy](#) and should be read in conjunction with it. This policy provides additional details specific to government information which is multidisciplinary and can support a wide range of undergraduate and graduate academic programs.

The majority of the library's government print publications from government agencies and international governmental organizations are located on the first floor. Some government publications such as general reference tools, statute law and administrative law reports, scientific and technical reports that are not oriented to public policy, publications of cultural institutions such as art galleries, libraries and museums are located in the library's main collection.

General collection policy guidelines

- Collection development focuses on both subject and area coverage that reflects the teaching and current research of the Carleton University community.
- Emphasis is on official publications from Canada, its provinces and territories, the City of Ottawa, the United States, Great Britain, the European Union, the United Nations and its affiliated agencies, and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. These are supplemented by selected documents from other countries and emerging intergovernmental agencies.
- Priority is given to the acquisition of electronic materials, as these support remote use by our primary audiences. However, other formats will be considered.
- Language of material is generally limited to English, though some exceptions may be considered.
- Special attention is given to the identification and selection of full text, statistical and other relevant government information.
- We participate in cooperative planning and other initiatives in order to extend the breadth and depth of our government information collection. (ex. University of Ottawa, OCUL, CRKN, etc.)

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