

# CGC1P Unit 4: Canadian Industries

## Activity 8: Tertiary Industry: Government and Transportation

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### Overview

Two very important service industries in Canada are government and transportation. There must be a strong government for this country to function safely, legally, and economically. Government creates the laws, and makes the policies to attract businesses, immigrants, and friends to help Canada grow. Due to Canada's vast size, there is a need for well developed transportation and communication systems to bring all Canadians closer together.

### Lesson

#### *Government Services*

As you read in the introduction to tertiary industry, there are three levels of government, Municipal (local), Provincial, and Federal. Each of these levels of government provides services for Canadians. Almost one quarter of all tertiary jobs are government services jobs.

Providing services for Canadians is a difficult task considering the sparse population of the country and the immense size of Canada. But the services provided by government are crucial to the operation of our country.

Let's look at a typical day in the life of a Canadian to see the importance of government services:

- take a shower in the morning (water)
- go to the bathroom (sewage treatment)
- take the bus or subway to school (public transportation)
- walk on a sidewalk to school (roads and highway construction)
- go to school (education)
- mail a letter (postal services)
- go to a doctor's appointment (health care)
- put the garbage out (waste management)

#### *Transportation Sector*

The Transportation sector is responsible for moving goods and people around Canada. There are four main modes of transporting goods and people. They are:

1. Shipping
2. Railways
3. Trucking
4. Air

## Assignment

1. Why can providing services for Canadians sometimes be a difficult task?
2. What are the four main modes of transporting goods and people?
3. What are the 3 levels of government in Canada?
4. List 5 services provided by the government.
5. There are some areas of Canada where there are little or no transportation networks. Why do you think this is? In what region of Canada are these areas usually located?