

# 10 steps Swearing-in of a New Canadian Prime Minister and the Ministry (Cabinet)

When a new government is formed, the governor general presides over the swearing-in ceremony of the prime minister and Cabinet. Here is the sequence of events.



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## Arrival at Rideau Hall

The prime minister-designate and the ministers-designate arrive at Rideau Hall for the swearing-in ceremony.

The prime minister-designate then meets with the governor general.

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## Swearing-in Ceremony Begins

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## Swearing-in of the prime minister-designate

Is the prime minister-designate a member of the Privy Council?

NO

YES

## The Oaths

If the prime minister-designate is not already a member of the Privy Council, he or she will first take two oaths:

**Oath of Allegiance**

**Privy Councillor's Oath**

## Oath of Office

The Oath of Office is administered to the prime minister-designate by the clerk of the Privy Council at the commencement of the swearing-in ceremony of the new ministry.

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## Oath Books

The prime minister-designate signs the oath book(s), followed by the governor general and the clerk of the Privy Council.

## Instrument of Advice

The newly sworn-in prime minister signs the Instrument of Advice nominating his ministry and presents it to the governor general.

The governor general signs the Instrument of Advice to accept the recommendations of the prime minister.

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## Swearing-in of the New Ministry

The swearing-in of ministers-designate begins.

Is the minister-designate a member of the Privy Council?

NO

YES

## The Oaths

If the minister-designate is not already a member of the Privy Council, he or she will first take two oaths:

**Oath of Allegiance**

**Privy Councillor's Oath**

## Oath of Office

The Oath of Office is administered to the minister-designate by the clerk of the Privy Council to swear in the new minister.

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## Oath Books

The minister(s) sign the oath book(s).

Following the swearing-in of the last member of the ministry, the governor general, the prime minister and the clerk of the Privy Council sign the oath books to formally attest to the swearing-in of the ministry.

## Great Seal of Canada

The minister of Industry, who also has responsibilities as the registrar general of Canada, is entrusted with the Great Seal of Canada by the governor general.

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## End of Ceremony

The swearing-in ceremony ends with the singing of the National Anthem.

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## Official Photo

An official photo of the governor general with the prime minister and Cabinet is taken.