

Official Languages Act of Acadie

Preamble

Recognizing that the French language, in its Acadian forms and expressions, is the heart of Acadian identity and the primary vehicle of the Nation's memory and culture (Article 4, Universal Declaration of Acadie); **Acknowledging** the historical and foundational status of the Mi'kmaq language on the ancestral lands of Acadie; **Affirming** the need for full communication across the global diaspora; this Act establishes the official status, rights, and responsibilities concerning the use of the Acadian French, Mi'kmaq, and English languages.

Part I: Status and Use of the Official Languages

Article 1. Official Languages of the Nation

The **Acadian French language** shall be the **primary official language and the language of record** for legislative affairs. **Mi'kmaq** and **English** are hereby recognized as **co-official languages** of the Acadian Nation for the purposes of administration, public services, and official communication.

Article 2. Recognition of Linguistic Diversity and Primacy

1. **Acadian French Primacy:** All official laws, treaties, and the permanent records of the National Assembly and the Council of Memory and Culture shall be maintained in Acadian French.
2. **Mi'kmaq Status:** The Mi'kmaq language is recognized as the language of the First Peoples of the ancestral Acadian territory, and all national institutions must offer communication and services in Mi'kmaq upon request.
3. **English Status:** English is recognized as a co-official language essential for facilitating unity, commerce, and communication across the global Acadian Diaspora, particularly in non-French-speaking regions.

Article 3. Language of Institutions and Service

1. **National Assembly:** Legislative proceedings shall be conducted primarily in Acadian French, with simultaneous interpretation provided for Mi'kmaq and English speakers upon request.
2. **Public Communication:** All critical public information, including citizenship forms and emergency communications, shall be made readily available in Acadian French, Mi'kmaq, and English.
3. **Citizen Service:** Every citizen has the right to communicate with and receive services from the national institutions in any of the three official languages.

Part II: Promotion, Education, and Protection

Article 4. Educational Mandate

The Council of Memory and Culture shall ensure that all educational programs established or funded by the Nation provide comprehensive instruction in Acadian French language, literature, and history. Further, the Council shall support programs for the preservation and revitalization of the Mi'kmaq language and for English proficiency where needed across the diaspora.

Article 5. Cultural Protection

1. **Language Preservation:** The Nation shall actively promote, document, and protect the unique linguistic heritage of all three official languages, particularly the dialects of Acadian French and the Mi'kmaq language.
2. **Support for Creators:** The Nation shall provide equal funding and support for cultural creators who produce works in Acadian French, Mi'kmaq, or English, provided the work contributes to the Acadian national identity or the spirit of solidarity.

Article 6. Language Commissioner

The independent **Acadian Language Commissioner** (Article 6 of the original Act) shall monitor compliance with the provisions for all three official languages, ensure balanced service delivery, and report annually on the vitality of Acadian French, Mi'kmaq, and English across the Diaspora.

Proclamation and Enactment

English

PROCLAMATION: By the authority vested in the Head of State, and in accordance with the sovereign will of the Acadian people, this **Official Languages Act of Acadie** is hereby proclaimed, adopted, and entered into force this 27th Day of September, 2025.

Signed:

Marie-Soleil Seshat Landry Queen of Acadie, Supreme Guardian of Acadian Identity, Memory, and Unity.

Français

PROCLAMATION : Par l'autorité dévolue à la Cheffe d'État, et conformément à la volonté souveraine du peuple acadien, cette **Loi sur les Langues Officielles de l'Acadie** est par la présente proclamée, adoptée et entrée en vigueur ce 27e jour de septembre 2025.

Signé :

Marie-Soleil Seshat Landry Reine de l'Acadie, Gardienne Suprême de l'Identité, de la Mémoire et de l'Unité Acadiennes.

Mi'kmaq

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