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Finding Point-in-time Legislation

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Introduction

The law is constantly changing, with amendments and repeals affecting the wording of statutes all the time. While current acts are available in a consolidated form, it may be necessary to know what the law stated at a certain time, and that often requires some extra work. This guide will show you the steps to find and create legislation as it appeared at a certain point in time.

Locating Prior Versions

If the act you are looking for was a recent addition or amendment, usually after 2002, it may be already be available online as a saved point-in-time version.

Federal

Statutes of Canada are available online with point-in-time data available from January 1, 2003 onwards for the Acts and March 22, 2006 onwards for the regulations.

Canadian acts are available at <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/>

To start:

Find the act you are looking for by either searching for the name of the act,

or by browsing for the act in the consolidated act

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Justice Laws Website. On the left is a navigation menu with categories: Constitution (including Constitutional Documents and French Constitutional Drafting Committee (1990)), Laws (including Consolidated Acts, Consolidated Regulations, Annual Statutes, and Statutes Repeal Act: Reports, Deferrals and Repeals), and Miscellaneous Statute Law Amendment Program. On the right, the main content area includes a welcome message, a search box labeled 'Find a title', and a 'Site Features' section listing features like official PDF versions, point-in-time access, and links to amendments not in force. Two blue arrows point from the text on the left to the 'Consolidated Acts' link in the menu and the search box.

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Criminal Code (R.S.C., 1985, c. C-46)
 Full Document: [HTML](#) (Accessibility Buttons available) | [XML](#) [5159 KB] | [PDF](#) [8115 KB]

Act current to 2019-06-21 and last amended on 2019-06-21. [Previous Versions](#)

Notes :

- See coming into force provision and notes, where applicable.
- Shaded provisions are not in force. [Help](#)

Search within this Act:

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- [Criminal Code](#)
 - 1 - [Short Title](#)
 - 2 - [Interpretation](#)

Once you have found the act you are looking for, there will be an option for past versions

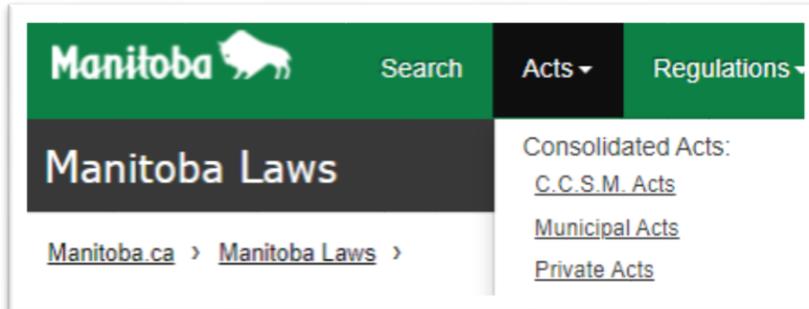
From there you will be given all the versions available online, and you can simply select the time you are looking for

Full Documents available for |

- 2019
 - [From 2019-06-21 to 2019-07-01](#)
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- 2018
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Manitoba

Manitoba's statutes are online at web2.gov.mb.ca/laws



Acts can be searched, or browsed by using the links at the top of the page

After you have located your act, look for a link labelled “Show previous versions” just above the body of the act.



This will open up a list of previous versions of the consolidated act as they appeared during those times.

Historical Point in Time

If the act you are looking for is prior to 2003, then you will need to search the print versions and update the statutes with any amendments manually.

There are two options;

Print copies available at the Manitoba Law Library

Or electronic versions, available on HeinOnline behind the Member's Portal.

The process for both Federal and Provincial point-in-time legislation is similar.

For both federal and provincial legislation, acts were consolidated with their amendments into revisions every so often. These revision years will give you a starting point without needing to go back to the very first version.

Start with the closest revision year prior to the year you are looking for.

Federal

Federal statutes were revised 1886, 1906, 1927, 1952, 1970, and 1985

Provincial (Manitoba)

Manitoba statutes were revised 1892, 1902, 1913, 1924 (consolidated amendments), 1940, 1954, 1970.

And Re-enacted: 1987-1990



Backdating

Tracing the history of an act is known as ‘backdating’.

To find an earlier version, or originating act, you will have to trace the act through the revision years to the enacting annual statute. If the year you are looking for is after the 1987 re-enactment, you can use online resources to track the history.

The information table of the Government Laws website will show you the history of the act.

<u>C.C.S.M. c. C110</u>	The Civil Service Act
Enacted by	Proclamation status (for any provisions coming into force by proclamation)
RSM 1987, c. C110	• whole Act – in force: 1 Feb 1988 (Man. Gaz.: 6 Feb 1988)
Amended by	
SM 1987-88, c. 44, s. 3 (RSM 1987 Supp., c. 4, s. 3)	
SM 1987-88, c. 66, s. 3 (RSM 1987 Supp., c. 31, s. 4)	
<u>SM 1993, c. 29, s. 173</u>	• in force: 4 Oct 1996 (Man. Gaz.: 5 Oct 1996)
<u>SM 2000, c. 47</u>	
<u>SM 2001, c. 39, s. 31</u>	• in force: 1 May 2002 (Man. Gaz.: 18 May 2002)
<u>SM 2002, c. 24, s. 11</u>	
<u>SM 2002, c. 48, s. 28</u>	• in force: 30 Jun 2004 (Man. Gaz.: 29 May 2004)
<u>SM 2013, c. 39, Sch. A, s. 36</u>	• in force: 1 May 2014 (Man. Gaz.: 3 May 2014)
<u>SM 2017, c. 26, s. 5</u>	
<u>SM 2017, c. 41</u>	

But if you need earlier years you will have to look at previous revisions.

For example: Let’s find the original Manitoba *Civil Service Act*.

We can see that the online version gives us RSM 1987, c. C110, but that does not go back further. Check in the annual statutes of 1986-87 (which is in the volume prior to the re-enactment), and look at the “List of Statutes in Continuing

Consolidation.” This gives us RSM 1970 as a previous revised version to look at.

Civil Service Act	C110	RSM 1970	SM 1974, c. 46 SM 1976, c. 50 SM 1978, c. 47 SM 1979, c. 33 SM 1984-85, c. 17, s. 4 SM 1985-86, c. 47, s. 4
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Looking at the 1970 Revised statutes:

CHAPTER C110

AN ACT RESPECTING THE CIVIL SERVICE.

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, enacts as follows:

Short title.

1 This Act may be cited as: "The Civil Service Act".
S.M., 1960, c. 6, s. 1.

We can see the originating act is SM 1960 c. 6. If it had given us a revised (RSM) year we would have to look at that one and keep going. But we should also check to see if the act amended or repealed any others.

At the end of the SM 1960 c. 6 version we see that the act did repeal an earlier version

Repeal. **50.** The following Acts are repealed:

- (a) The Civil Service Act, being chapter 39 of the Revised Statutes.
- (b) An Act to amend The Civil Service Act, being chapter 6 of the Statutes of Manitoba, 1958 (First Session).

Continue tracing back the acts to see if there are earlier versions.

We should eventually get to the 1891 version:

Reading the act tells us
there are no previous acts
this act repealed or
amended by this act.

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the
Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, enacts as follows:—

SHORT TITLE.

1. This Act may be cited as “The Manitoba Civil Service Short title.
Act.” 48 V. c. 8, s. 1.

If you have any further questions or need assistance with any of the information provided, do not hesitate to contact staff at the library and we'll be happy to help.



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