

Day Fixed for Commencement or Repeal.

Operation when date fixed for commencement or repeal.

6. (1) Where an enactment is expressed to come into force on a particular day, it shall be construed as coming into force upon the expiration of the previous day; and where an enactment is expressed to expire, lapse or otherwise cease to have effect on a particular day, it shall be construed as ceasing to have effect upon the commencement of the following day. 5

When no date fixed.

(2) Every enactment that is not expressed to come into force on a particular day shall be construed as coming into force upon the expiration of the day immediately before the day the enactment was enacted. 10

Regulation Prior to Commencement.

Preliminary proceedings.

7. Where an enactment is not in force and it contains provisions conferring power to make regulations or do any other thing, that power may, for the purpose of making the enactment effective upon its commencement, be exercised at any time before its commencement, but a regulation so made or a thing so done has no effect until the commencement of the enactment except in so far as may be necessary to make the enactment effective upon its commencement. 15
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Territorial Operation.

Enactments apply to all Canada.

8. (1) Every enactment applies to the whole of Canada, unless it is otherwise expressed therein.

Amending enactment.

(2) Where an enactment that does not apply to the whole of Canada is amended, no provision in the amending enactment applies to any part of Canada to which the amended enactment does not apply, unless it is therein provided that the amending enactment applies to such part of Canada or to the whole of Canada. 25

RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.

Private Acts.

Provisions in private Acts.

9. No provision in a private Act affects the rights of any person, except only as therein mentioned or referred to. 30

Law Always Speaking.

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10. The law shall be considered as always speaking, and whenever a matter or thing is expressed in the present tense, it shall be applied to the circumstances as they arise, so that effect may be given to the enactment and every part thereof according to its true spirit, intent and meaning. 35