

Can I work in government?

Government jobs can seem daunting, and it's often difficult to tell whether or not you're qualified. Rell DeShaw - an Assistant Director at Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada - spoke with us about myths surrounding government work.

"Those who write well, can research, and are adaptable are [just as likely to achieve a government position as someone with a Politics degree]."

Cracking the Code: Treasury Board Video on the public service selection process
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0GW7P3g9hhII>



I didn't study Politics...

Government work is incredibly **diverse**, and there is a space for many specialties. While DeShaw believes that Politics or Public Administration students may hold a **slight edge** over those with a degree not traditionally associated with government, many job posters only request a university degree of any kind.

Polywogg Guide to Government: An unofficial guide to applying to public service processes <https://polywogg.ca/hr-guide/>

I don't have a Master's...

Many government positions **don't require** more than an **undergraduate degree!** Rather than an advanced degree, managers are more interested in your

- transferrable skills
- ability to work independently
- trainability



I'm not bilingual...

- Read the job listing carefully to see if hiring will include different bilingualism levels.
- Many positions **do not require full bilingualism.**
- There may be **on-the-job training** available to increase your bilingualism.



Despite the myths surrounding government hiring and qualifications, in reality, attaining a government position is much more achievable than students believe. Thank you to Rell DeShaw for her time and insights.