

# KEYCITE CANADA

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- Selective coverage of reported cases prior to 1977,
- Comprehensive coverage of reported cases since 1977,
- Comprehensive coverage of unreported cases since 1986.

Related Proceedings are included for all cases where related decisions with reasons are available in WestlawNext Canada.

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- Comprehensive coverage of reported cases since 1977,
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**KeyCite Canada provides the following information:**

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- Positive and negative judicial treatments of a case
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- Citing references to cases and secondary sources that have cited a federal, provincial or international statute or a Supreme Court of Canada, Federal Court, territorial or provincial rule.
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## Cases:

-  A **red flag** warns that the case may not be good law, indicating that the decision has been reversed, or has not been followed within the same jurisdiction or by the Supreme Court of Canada.
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Cases Only	
Term Used	Explanation
Recently Added	Cited case discussed in decision(s) recently added to the service. (Temporary designation, to be replaced by editorially- assigned treatment when it becomes available.)
Followed	Principle of law in cited case adopted or decider's reasoning applied.
Distinguished	Cited case inapplicable because of difference in facts or law.
Not Followed	Cited case expressly overruled, not applied or judged to be bad law. Some consideration given to cited case.
Considered	Some consideration given to cited case.
Referred To	Cited case being referred to without comment.

<b>Statutes, Rules, Regulations, Treaties, Tariffs, Forms and Scales</b>	
<b>Term Used</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Unconstitutional	A section of a statute or rule has been found by the court considering it to be unconstitutional or invalid, in whole or in part.
Considered	A section of a statute or rule has been analyzed or interpreted in a particular decision.
Pursuant To	A proceeding was undertaken pursuant to a section of a statute or rule.
Referred To	A section of a statute or rule has been mentioned by the court, but not commented upon.
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