

Canada's Algorithmic Impact Assessment — a Mandatory, Published Risk Score for Every Automated Government Decision

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Quality score: 80/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

Since April 2019, Canada's Directive on Automated Decision-Making has required every federal automated decision system to complete a public Algorithmic Impact Assessment — a risk survey whose score sets mandatory transparency and oversight requirements before deployment.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured public value	2/3
Transparency, fairness & accountability	3/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability beyond pilot	2/3
Governance, capability & sustainability	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-26

[Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat](#) — accessed 2026-08-26

[Algorithmic Impact Assessment tool - Canada.ca](#) — accessed 2026-08-26

[Montreal AI Ethics Institute: AI Governance on the Ground](#) — accessed 2026-08-26

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