

Canada's Federal AI Register — 409 Systems Disclosed, but Only 4% With Public Impact Assessments

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Quality score: 60/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

On 28 November 2025 Canada published its first federal AI Register, listing 409 systems across 42 institutions. An independent review found only 4% of examined tools had public impact assessments and 86% served internal operations, not citizens.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured public value	1/3
Transparency, fairness & accountability	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability beyond pilot	2/3
Governance, capability & sustainability	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-25

[Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat](#) — accessed 2026-08-25

[Bureaucratic Silences: What the Canadian AI Register Reveals, Omits, and Obscures \(arXiv\)](#) — accessed 2026-08-25

[Canada launches first register of AI uses in federal government \(The Globe and Mail\)](#) — accessed 2026-08-25

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