

Canadian Gambling Age by Province and Territory, 2026

A product-specific comparison of common casino, provincially authorized online casino, and lottery minimum ages across all 13 Canadian provinces and territories.

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Coverage	10 provinces + 3 territories
Primary rule	The age depends on both location and gambling product.
Canonical source	https://techpicks.fun/blog/legal-gambling-age-canada/

Simple answer

Casino and official online casino: usually 18+ in Alberta, Manitoba, and Quebec; usually 19+ in the other provinces. Lottery ages can differ. The territories require a product-specific answer because WCLC lottery products are 18+ while licensed casino areas are 19+.

How to use the table

1. Find the province or territory. 2. Pick the exact product. 3. Open the official source. 4. Recheck before registering or travelling.

Province and territory comparison

Province or territory	Casino / official online casino	Lottery	Important detail	Official source
Alberta	18+	18+	AiGC marks Alberta's regulated iGaming market 18+	https://www.abigaming.ca/
British Columbia	19+	19+	B.C. says 19+ covers casinos, lotteries, online gambling, and charitable events.	https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/gambling-fundraising/gambling-in-bc
Manitoba	18+	18+	Manitoba PlayNow requires age 18, residency, and physical presence.	https://www.playnow.com/mb/about-playnow/help.html
New Brunswick	19+	19+	Atlantic Lottery uses 19+ for online and retail products.	https://www.alc.ca/content/alc/en/legal/terms-and-conditions.html
Newfoundland and Labrador	19+	19+	Atlantic Lottery uses 19+ for online and retail products.	https://www.alc.ca/content/alc/en/legal/terms-and-conditions.html
Nova Scotia	19+	19+	Atlantic Lottery uses 19+ for online and retail products.	https://www.alc.ca/content/alc/en/legal/terms-and-conditions.html
Ontario	19+	18+	Online sports is 19+; in-store sports is 18+.	https://www.olg.ca/en/support/getting-started.html
Prince Edward Island	19+	19+	Atlantic Lottery uses 19+ for online and retail products.	https://www.alc.ca/content/alc/en/legal/terms-and-conditions.html
Quebec	18+	18+	Loto-Quebec online accounts and casinos are 18+.	https://portail.lotoquebec.com/en/specific-conditions-of-use
Saskatchewan	19+	18+	Saskatchewan PlayNow and SIGA casinos are 19+; WCLC lottery products are 18+.	https://www.playnow.com/sk/about-playnow/help.html
Northwest Territories	19+ in licensed casino areas	18+	The lottery rule does not prove that a private online casino is authorized.	https://www.justice.gov.nt.ca/en/files/legislation/lotteries/lotteries.r10.pdf
Nunavut	19+ in licensed casino areas	18+	The lottery rule does not prove that a private online casino is authorized.	https://www.nunavutlegislation.ca/en/file-download/download/public/7468
Yukon	19+ in licensed casino areas	18+	Yukon guidance says people under 19 cannot enter a licensed three-day casino.	https://yukon.ca/en/doing-business/permits-and-licensing/how-hold-3-day-casino

Important: being old enough does not prove that a private online gambling site is authorized. Use the named provincial regulator, lottery corporation, or official operator directory.

Official source list

1. **Alberta:** <https://www.abigaming.ca/>
2. **British Columbia:** <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/gambling-fundraising/gambling-in-bc>
3. **Manitoba:** <https://www.playnow.com/mb/about-playnow/help.html>
4. **New Brunswick:** <https://www.alc.ca/content/alc/en/legal/terms-and-conditions.html>
5. **Newfoundland and Labrador:** <https://www.alc.ca/content/alc/en/legal/terms-and-conditions.html>
6. **Nova Scotia:** <https://www.alc.ca/content/alc/en/legal/terms-and-conditions.html>
7. **Ontario:** <https://www.olg.ca/en/support/getting-started.html>
8. **Prince Edward Island:** <https://www.alc.ca/content/alc/en/legal/terms-and-conditions.html>
9. **Quebec:** <https://portail.lotoquebec.com/en/specific-conditions-of-use>
10. **Saskatchewan:** <https://www.playnow.com/sk/about-playnow/help.html>
11. **Northwest Territories:** <https://www.justice.gov.nt.ca/en/files/legislation/lotteries/lotteries.r10.pdf>
12. **Nunavut:** <https://www.nunavutlegislation.ca/en/file-download/download/public/7468>
13. **Yukon:** <https://yukon.ca/en/doing-business/permits-and-licensing/how-hold-3-day-casino>

Update history

July 23, 2026: Rechecked all 13 jurisdictions and published CSV and PDF downloads.

July 14, 2026: First published the product-specific comparison.

Explain it to a 12-year-old

Canada does not use one birthday for every gambling product. Find where you are, find the exact game, and check the official rule before doing anything.

Research information only. Rules can change. Gambling involves risk and is not a way to make money.