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Potential Changes to the Residency Requirement in Canadian Citizenship Applications

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Under Section 5 of the current *Citizenship Act*, in order to apply for Canadian citizenship, the applicant must (among other things) have accumulated three years of residence in Canada within the preceding four years. The Act does not define “residence” and it has been left to the Citizenship judges to decide whether or not physical presence is strictly required to establish residence.