

The Structure of the Income Tax Act (ITA)

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The Canadian *Income Tax Act* is divided into parts. Some parts are very long, while others contain only one section (but sometimes a very lengthy section). Most parts deal with specific issues.

There are four parts that apply to the ITA as a whole, and they are: Part XV (Administration and Enforcement); Part XVI (Tax Avoidance); Part XVI.1 (Transfer Pricing); and Part XVII (Interpretation)

The majority of the provisions are found in Part I. Part I is the only part of the ITA that is further grouped into Divisions and Subdivisions.

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The ITA currently has the following superstructure:

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<i>Subdivision j</i>	<i>Partnerships and Their Members</i>	<i>96 - 103</i>
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<i>Subdivision a.2</i>	<i>Working Income Tax Benefit</i>	<i>122.7 - 122.71</i>
<i>Subdivision b</i>	<i>Rules Applicable to Corporations</i>	<i>123 - 125.5</i>

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Alternatively, we can look at the ITA in a functional manner. Groups of sections could be seen as performing specific functions within the larger scheme of the ITA. I prefer the following functional grouping:

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