Resources for Clear, Effective, Professional Writing



Plain Language

- Plain Canada "... promotes plain language in both official languages to build a community of plain language professionals and advocates."
- Center for Plain Language "... helps government, non-profit, and business organizations create findable, understandable, and useful content."
- Clarity International_"... is the largest organization of its kind, with more than 650 members in 50 countries."

Grammar and Spelling

- For Canadian spelling and definitions, use the Canadian Oxford Dictionary.
- For grammar and usage, use Editing Canadian English.
- To check grammar and style, use the Chicago Manual of Style.
- For metric measurements, use the International System of Units.

Accessibility and Inclusion

- Web accessibility: Canada.ca Content Style Guide.
- Readability test: Flesch-Kincaid online calculator.
- For guidance on terminology: Glossary of Terms (the Canadian Centre for Diversity and Inclusion) and Indigenous Peoples - A Guide to Terminology (Indigenous Corporate Training).

