



CHARTER TOP 5 FACTS

1 The Charter has served as a model for human rights protections around the world. Among others, South Africa and New Zealand looked to the Charter when drafting their Bill of Rights.



1982

Charter signed into law

1985

Equality rights came into force

Section 15 of the Charter (equality rights) came into force 3 years after the Charter, so that governments had time to ensure their laws and policies respected everyone's equality rights.

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3 According to Statistics Canada, Canadians rank the Charter of Rights and Freedoms as our most important national symbol, beating out other symbols like hockey or the beaver.



The Charter has been to outer space. Canadian astronaut Marc Garneau took a copy of the Charter with him on one of his missions.

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5 The Charter has been translated into 23 languages including Hindi, Japanese, Ukrainian and Inuktitut. It's also been published in English and French Braille.

