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Description

At the express request of New Brunswick, sections 16 through 20 of the Charter apply to that province; however, for section 20, an important exception applies, i.e., the right to receive communications or services from any office of an institution of the Legislature or Government of New Brunswick in English or French is not subject to any limitation based on sufficient demand or the nature of the office. As well, a constitutional amendment was passed by the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick in December 1992 and by Parliament in February 1993. This amendment to the Charter extends New Brunswick's Act Recognizing the Equality of the Two Official Linguistic Communities, passed in 1981 by the Legislative Assembly of that province by proclaiming that New Brunswick's English-speaking and French-speaking linguistic communities have equal status, rights and privileges – in particular, the right to the separate educational and cultural institutions necessary to preserve and promote those rights and privileges. The amendment also confirms the role of the Legislature and Government of New Brunswick in preserving and promoting this status and these rights and privileges.

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