

Understanding Parliament — How Parliament Works



A clear, practical introduction to Parliament, its institutions and how citizens can engage.

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Format	Self-paced
Effort	3 hours
Credential	Certificate of completion (completion certificate)
Curriculum version	1

Overview

Follow Parliament from representation and law-making through oversight, budgeting and public participation. Each module connects institutional concepts to practical civic action.

- Citizen, student or educator

Learning outcomes

- Distinguish the constitutional roles of the National Assembly and Senate.
- Trace the principal stages through which a Bill becomes law.
- Identify practical opportunities for citizen participation and oversight.

Curriculum outline

Module 1: Parliament and representation

Understand Parliament's constitutional place and representative institutions.

- What Parliament is (lesson, 18 min)
- National Assembly and Senate (lesson, 24 min)
- Check your understanding (knowledge check, 10 min)

Module 2: How laws are made

Follow a Bill through the legislative process and locate points of participation.

- The legislative journey (lesson, 30 min)
- Sequence the stages of a Bill (exercise, 20 min)

Module 3: Oversight and participation

Connect parliamentary oversight to public accountability and civic participation.

- Committees, oversight and public finance (lesson, 28 min)
- Petitions and public submissions (lesson, 22 min)
- Pathway knowledge check (knowledge check, 15 min)

Assessment and completion

Completion follows the published rules of this programme version. Opening pages alone never completes a programme.

Current intakes

Open access

Price	Free
Delivery	Online
How to join	Start learning

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