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PLACE OF BIRTH IN PASSPORTS

The Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced today that it is now possible for Canadians to obtain a Canadian passport without their place of birth being shown.

This decision has been taken in response to the concerns of some citizens who were born outside Canada that the registration of their place of birth in the passport may make them vulnerable to terrorism. Those Canadians who choose not to have their place of birth shown in their passport should be aware that they may experience problems entering some countries.

Interested Canadians, including those who have a valid passport, may make application for a passport in the usual manner at any regional passport office, Canadian mission abroad or by mail. Further information is available from the Passport Office by phone or at the time of application.