

**Certificates
of Existence**

1.51 a. Whenever it is necessary for a Canadian citizen to establish his identity and the fact that he is still alive, a certificate may be issued for that purpose. These certificates are usually required in order to obtain continued payment of a pension. (See 15.20).

b. Before issuing a Certificate of Existence, the consular officer must be satisfied that the applicant has clearly and adequately identified himself as the person concerned.

**Certificates
of Character**

1.52 a. Consular officers should not provide certificates of character in a positive form when there is no basis on which such certificates can be issued. In declining to issue such certificates, the applicant should not be led to believe that doubts are cast on his integrity. A consular officer may provide, in a private capacity, a certificate of character to a person whom he knows personally and in whose integrity he has full confidence.

b. Canadian citizens may require, on occasion, some certificate of character for presentation to the local authorities for such purposes as immigration, issuance of driving and other licenses, etc. In such cases, after ensuring himself that the person's name is not on the Passport Control List, or the Immigration Look-out Notice if available, and that past records contain no adverse information about the person, a consular officer may issue a certificate of character in a negative form, stating that there is no information in the consular records to the detriment of the applicant.

c. No certificate of any kind may be provided to someone other than the subject of the certificate without the knowledge and consent of the subject.

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Pensions

1.63 a. Posts should assist Canadian federal or provincial government pension agencies in transmitting funds to pensioners residing abroad and ascertaining their continued entitlement to such benefits.

b. Pensions paid by Canadian non-governmental organizations normally should be dealt with by these agencies without the post's assistance.

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