Price

The fee charged for services provided by the Passport Office is determined by two factors: full cost recovery of the services provided, and by our commitment to cost-effectiveness. Thus, the standard is a fee that recovers costs and is cost-effective. The current fee for the 24-page passport is \$35, and for the 48-page passport \$37. For further details concerning our fees see Section 3

Waiting Time

The average time waiting for service is 20 minutes. According to recent data, 85% of all clients are served within 20 minutes.

Turnaround Time

The average time to process applications submitted by mail is 10 working days; five working days if submitted in person.

Number of Trips to Canadians applying for a passport in person the Passport Office generally make two trips to the Passport Office; one to submit an application, and the other to pick up a passport.

Examination Time

The average examination time is five minutes if the application submitted by a client is complete.

Availability

The availability service standard is to serve 85% of our clients in person. There are 31 points of service, including the mail-in, Certificate of Identity and Official Travel offices. In the recent past, only about 15% of all applications processed in Canada were submitted by mail.

Convenience

All Passport Offices are to be located in areas where parking is available and in buildings that are accessible by disabled clients.

Hours of Service

The minimum daily number of hours of service to the public is 7.5. Some issuing offices remain open to the public between 7.5 and 9.5 hours.

Security of Document

All travel documents issued by the Passport Office conform to international security norms and all indeterminate employees of the Passport Office have security clearance at the level of secret.