

Charges for Common Services Support

The Common Services Abroad Charge (CSAC) was established on April 1, 2002 was established on April 1, 2002 to fund the common services support capacity at missions. CSAC is applied equally to all partner departments (including DFATD) that have diplomatic and consular positions abroad for which DFATD provides common-services support. In March 2009, DFATD presented to Treasury Board a refinement to the existing CSAC policy. The purpose was to fully recover all direct and indirect costs incurred for location-independent common services provided due to incremental growth in program personnel. It resulted in the Enhanced Common Services Abroad Charge, which was presented to partners and approved by the ADM Council on Representation Abroad in July 2009; it came into force retroactively on April 1, 2009.

For co-locators, an equivalent to the CSAC charge is referred to as Mission Administrative Support; and, an equivalent to the Enhanced Common Services Abroad Charge is referred to as the Headquarters Administrative Support Charge. Related amounts are not included in Figure 39.

The table below describes the flow of funding relating to the Common Services Abroad Charge. When incremental positions are created abroad by DFATD programs and partners, there is an "Inflow" of funds to the CSAC program. When existing positions are deleted, a pro-rated portion of the funding is returned to the DFATD or partner program (shown as a negative amount). The "Outflow" of funds from the CSAC program describes funding used for the creation of incremental common service positions or funding used for common service activities. A positive amount describes the funds returned to the CSAC program.



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