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## Immigration

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- implements the Canadian immigration program abroad issuing, in 1987, visas for 138 500 immigrants and 428 000 foreign students, workers and visitors. In particular, the department
  - determines refugee eligibility, processing some 20 000 government-sponsored refugees in 1987;
  - facilitates family reunification, including, in 1987, more than 53 000 family class and assisted relatives;
  - promotes immigration of potential business immigrants, more than 3 600 in 1987, representing a potential investment of \$2.3 billion and some 12 000 new jobs.

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## Aid

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- in co-operation with the Canadian International Development Agency, implements Canada's aid program abroad, which in 1987 represented \$2.1 billion in official development assistance;
- ensures that the aid program and budgetary allocations are consistent with Canada's overall foreign policy;
- manages official development assistance contributions to international organizations, and pursues export opportunities related to International Development Bank projects.

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## Passport and Consular Services

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- issues annually through offices in Canada and at Canadian embassies and consulates abroad, over one million passports and travel documents;
- provided citizenship, notarial, general advice and other assistance to approximately 600 000 Canadians travelling or living abroad in 1987;
- provided emergency assistance to approximately 12 000 Canadians in distress abroad in 1987, and maintained contact with an average of 250 Canadians held in foreign jails.

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## Support to Other Government Departments and Provinces

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- provides advice to federal and provincial governments on the international environment, and on political and economic conditions in foreign countries;
- advises on the international implications of federal and provincial policies and programs, for example, in the area of industrial policy;
- negotiates treaty arrangements on behalf of Canada;
- maintains a secure, world-wide diplomatic communications network, used by all departments with operations abroad;
- co-ordinates local arrangements for visits abroad of ministers and senior officials of federal and provincial governments.