

The address for the central Passport Office is given in Section VI. There are 28 regional passport offices across Canada. Consult the federal government section of your telephone directory for the one nearest you.

E. Dual Nationality

Many international child abductions involve parents and children who have citizenship of other countries in addition to Canada. Dual nationality is permissible under Canadian law. The fact that the abducting parent may carry another passport could create additional difficulty for you and Canadian authorities in preventing an abduction. The Government of Canada cannot prevent embassies and consulates of other countries in Canada or elsewhere from providing passport services to Canadian children who are also citizens of their countries.

You or your lawyer can request that a foreign embassy or consulate not provide passport services for your child. To do so, you should provide the embassy or consulate with a written request, along with a certified copy of any court orders dealing with custody or foreign travel of your child. In such a letter you can inform the embassy or consulate that you have also sent a copy of your request to the Consular Operations and Emergency Services Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. If your child has only Canadian citizenship, you can ask the foreign embassy or consulate not to issue a visa (if one is required for entry) for a particular country in the Canadian passport in which your child's name appears. There is no requirement for other countries to comply with such requests, but many countries do so voluntarily in the interest of preventing international child abductions.

