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Your Passport

As a travel document, your passport is the only evidence of your Canadian citizenship and identity that is accepted in all countries. You and all family members should have a valid passport if you plan to travel outside Canada. Applications are available at www.passportcanada.gc.ca (the Passport Canada website), Passport Canada offices, postal outlets in Canada and Canadian government offices abroad.

A Passport for Everyone

Canadian children must have their own passport. The practice of

adding a child's name to a parent's passport is no longer permitted.

Before you leave on your trip, **be sure to complete the "In case of accident or death notify" section** (page 4) in your passport. This information will help us quickly notify your family or friends if an emergency arises.

Processing Time

Passport Canada is currently experiencing a sharp volume increase in passport applications. The normal processing period for in-person applications in Canada is 10 working days. The processing of mail-in

applications takes a minimum of 20 working days. So, plan to apply well before departure.

Keep It Safe!

Make photocopies of your passport's identification page and of your identification cards. Keep the copies separate from the originals when travelling. For added security, leave a copy with a friend or relative at home. We also recommend that you carry a birth or citizenship certificate in addition to your Canadian passport. These simple steps may speed the replacement process if you lose your passport.

Expiration Date

If your passport is due to expire within six months of your scheduled return to Canada, check with the destination country's embassy or consulate in Canada for its rules and restrictions regarding passport validity and expiration. Some countries will not let you enter if your passport is due to expire within six months of entry.

If you have any questions about passports, contact Passport Canada.

Do You Need a Visa?

You need a visa to enter certain countries. Your travel agent or the country's embassy or consulate in Canada can advise you of the requirements (see our website for a list of foreign government offices accredited to Canada). **Apply for visas well in advance of your trip.**

Some countries will allow you to enter only if you can prove you will be leaving and have enough money to support yourself during your stay. Be prepared to show your return or onward ticket, a bank statement or any visas that demonstrate that you plan to visit another country.

Travel with or by Children

If a person younger than 18 is travelling alone or with only one parent or another adult, we recommend that a consent letter be carried proving that the trip is permitted by the custodial parent (or both parents or the legal guardian, as the case may be).

Make sure you and/or the child carry proper identification, such as birth certificates, baptismal certificates, passports, citizenship cards, records of landing and certificates of Indian status. Identification could also include any documents, such as divorce papers or custody court orders, that might be required by the country you intend to visit. These documents will help prove your citizenship, residency and custodial rights when you return to Canada.

