

### **Marriage or Cohabitation**

If you have a valid security clearance and plan to marry or cohabit (including a same-sex relationship), you must complete Form EXT 332 Intent to Marry or Cohabit and submit it to ISCT for security verification. Based on the information you provide, a security assessment will be carried out on the intended spouse to find out whether anything is known about him or her that would indicate if you, the employee, might act against the national interest.

### **Personal Behaviour**

Most personal matters are not of security interest to the Department. However, some activities, especially when serving abroad, could result in a person being threatened or blackmailed in such a way as to be a threat to the security of Canada, or a threat to the safeguarding of information classified in the national interest.

Examples of the kind of activity in question include:

- alcohol abuse;
- mismanagement of personal finances;
- non-medical use of narcotics;
- personal problems which could affect security clearance; or
- suspicious contacts with foreign nationals and criminal organizations.

All employees should be familiar with, and adhere to, the Department's *Code of Conduct*, which may be viewed at:

<http://intranet.dfait-maeci.gc.ca/department/SPD/HRmanual/echap2.htm>

### **Downgrading/Revocation of Reliability Status or Security Clearance**

As a result of a review based on new adverse information concerning an individual, his or her reliability status may be revoked, or their security clearance downgraded or revoked.

The authority to review, revoke, suspend or downgrade a security clearance rests with the Deputy Head and may not be delegated.

The authority to review, revoke or suspend a Reliability Status rests with the delegated manager.

In both instances, the individual is advised of the right of review or redress and prohibited from access to classified and/or protected information and assets.