

Register with a Canadian Government Office Abroad

If you expect to stay in a country for more than three months, or plan to visit areas or countries with a potential for problems, it is recommended that you register with the nearest Canadian government office abroad to help us contact you in case of an emergency. Registration is voluntary, and the information you provide is protected and used in accordance with the provisions of the Privacy Act. You can register on-line at www.voyage.gc.ca.

In countries where Canada has no direct representation, there may be arrangements in place for you to register with another country's embassy or consulate. For example, Canada has such an arrangement with Australia. Consult the Country Travel Reports on our Web site for country-specific information.

REGISTRATION OF CANADIANS ABROAD

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Your Passport

Your passport is the only proof 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. Passport applications are available at www.ppt.gc.ca (the Passport Canada Web site), at Passport Canada offices and postal outlets in Canada, and at 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 will help us quickly notify your family or friends if an emergency arises.

Processing Time

The 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 your departure.

GOING ABROAD? BE PREPARED, EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED!



Have a look at our **Country Travel Reports** at www.voyage.gc.ca to obtain facts on security conditions, health issues, emergency contacts and entry requirements for over 200 destinations. For country maps, fact sheets and other useful resources that relate to the different social and cultural norms you might face when travelling abroad, consult our **Country Profiles**.

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Keep It Safe!

Make photocopies of your passport's identification page and of your identification cards and keep the copies separate from the original when you travel. 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. You can also check our Country Travel Reports and the Visas section on our Web site. **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, bank statement or any visas that demonstrate you plan to visit another country.