



13.0 APPENDIX D - INFORMATION ON VISAS

13.1 WHAT IS A VISA?

Generally, a visa is permission to enter a country, issued by the embassy or the consulate of the country you wish to enter or visit. The permission, when granted by the host country, is usually designated by a stamp in your passport.

13.2 TYPES OF VISAS

There are many types of visas such as:

- visas for temporary or non-immigrant visitors;
- visas for professionals;
- visas for business visitors;
- visas for traders and investors;
- visas for intra-company transfers.

It is very important to obtain the appropriate information from:

The Passport Office

Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade
Place du Centre, 6th Floor
200 promenade du Portage
HULL, Quebec K1A 0G3
Tel.: (819) 994-3500
Fax: (819) 992-6587

Toll Free: 1 800 567-6868
FaxBack: (819) 994-3560

13.3 CONDITIONS FOR OBTAINING A VISA

There are two types of conditions to meet to obtain a visa, "general conditions" and "specific conditions".

- **General Conditions**

General conditions usually include the following categories: eligibility, terms and conditions imposed by the host country, restrictions, length of stay, required documentation, personal status, commercial activities being pursued, objectives of the visit, etc.