

## WHAT ARE THE DISADVANTAGES?

You should be aware of the possible drawbacks of dual, or multiple, citizenship:

- **Your Canadian citizenship may not be recognized** in the country of your other citizenship. That country's authorities will regard you as one of their citizens, especially if you travel under their passport. If you are in trouble and need assistance in the country of your other citizenship, the local officials in that country may not welcome "outside interference" and deny your right to consular assistance from Canada. There could also be problems in a third country if there is confusion about your citizenship.
- **You could be subject to a country's laws** that would not apply to a foreign traveller but that affect you as a citizen of that country.

*Morgane did not know that, because her marriage to Azad was registered with Iranian authorities, she was automatically deemed an Iranian citizen. To complicate matters, Azad had become a Canadian citizen after entering Canada as a refugee, and his dual nationality was not recognized in Iran. He had to enter and exit his native country using an Iranian passport. When the couple arrived in Iran for a visit, they were separated and their passports were seized. Azad was detained and interrogated, and the two were prohibited from leaving the country for a year.*