Citizenship and Immigration Canada

Since 1867, Canada's immigration programs have helped build a community of citizens respected throughout the world. Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) was established in 1994 to link immigration services with citizenship registration, to promote the unique ideals all Canadians share and to help build a stronger Canada.

The Department

- admits immigrants, foreign students, visitors and temporary workers who enhance Canada's social and economic growth;
- resettles, protects and provides a safe haven for refugees;
- helps newcomers adapt to Canadian society and become Canadian citizens; and
- manages access to Canada to protect the security and health of Canadians and the integrity of Canadian laws.

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