

regarding passport validity and expiration. Some countries will not let you enter if your passport is within six months of expiry.

For more information about passports, call 1-800-567-6868.

Locally, you can call:

(514) 283-2152 in Montreal;
(613) 994-3500 in Ottawa-Hull;
(416) 973-3251 in Toronto; or
(604) 775-6250 in Vancouver.

Before you leave Canada, be sure to complete the "In case of accident or death notify" section in your passport. This will help us quickly notify your family or friends if an emergency arises.

You should also prepare a "passport emergency kit" in case your passport is lost or stolen. This should include a photocopy of the identification page in your passport, an original of your birth or citizenship certificate, the address and telephone number of the Canadian embassy in the country in which you plan to work, and two recent passport-size photographs. Keeping this information in a safe place separate from your passport will save you time and money should you lose the originals. For added security, you may also want to leave a "kit" with a friend or relative at home.

If your passport is lost or stolen while you are overseas, report the loss or theft to the local police, obtain a copy of the police report and contact the nearest Canadian mission immediately for a replacement. Before a new passport can be issued, you must complete an application form, produce written evidence of your Canadian citizenship (e.g., a birth or citizenship certificate), provide a copy of the police report and present two recent photographs.

Visa

All governments require foreigners to obtain their permission to reside in their country. In some instances, that permission is reflected by an endorsement or stamp placed in your passport, allowing you to enter the country for a specific time and purpose. All countries require you to obtain special permission for entry when you plan to work. This permission is called a visa or work permit.

Only the country concerned can provide you with definitive and official information on entry requirements. If a visa is required, you should obtain it before leaving Canada. It is important that you consult the embassy or consulate of the country in which you plan to