

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 work for details and processing fees. You should apply months in advance of your departure date, as obtaining a visa can be a time-consuming process. For information about visa requirements, check the Country Travel Reports published by DFAIT.

Note that your work visa may have special provisions concerning departure and re-entry. If you plan

to travel while working overseas, enquire about the process of obtaining a multiple-entry visa to avoid future difficulties.

An increasing number of countries are including AIDS testing as an entry requirement, particularly for long-term residents and students. Again, contact the embassy or consulate of the country concerned for the latest information.

## Work Permit

A work permit is usually required if you plan to work in a foreign country. You should obtain it before you leave Canada. You can usually do this at the same time as you get your visa. Note that a work permit could be included in your visa or it could be a separate document from your visa. Again, contact the embassy or consulate of the country you are going to for details.

## Alien Registration Card

When you arrive in your host country, you may also need to obtain an Alien Registration Card. You will be required to carry it at all times for identification purposes and as proof of your status.

## International Driver's Licence

Contact your local Canadian Automobile Association (CAA) office to find out the procedures