

The Passport Office issues certificates of identity and United Nations Refugee Convention travel documents to non-Canadians legally landed and currently living in Canada who are eligible to receive them.

During 1975, 544,807 passports were issued for citizens residing in Canada and 36,612 were issued by posts abroad for Canadians travelling or living outside Canada. In addition, 363 United Nations Refugee Convention travel documents and 1,548 certificates of identity were issued. Growth in public demand for passport services has increased by 118 per cent in the past ten years.

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