

WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES?

Many Canadians remain or become citizens of another country because of practical advantages, including:

- employment opportunities
- entitlement to social programs, such as education, health care, and pensions
- property ownership
- unrestricted residency
- a sense of belonging through personal ties to more than one country

Your Canadian passport

Always use your Canadian passport if possible, especially when entering the country of your second citizenship. Note that you cannot use a Certificate of Canadian Citizenship instead of a Canadian passport to travel abroad. A

Certificate of Canadian Citizenship is not a travel document. A

Canadian passport is the only reliable and universally accepted travel and identification document available to Canadians for the purpose of international travel.

Canadian citizens returning to Canada who present other documents, such as a Certificate of

Canadian Citizenship, birth certificate, provincial driver's licence or foreign passport, instead of a Canadian passport, may face delays or be denied boarding by transport companies.

Using your Canadian passport may provide the basis under which Canada can provide you with consular assistance if you run into problems. You should also obtain a visa, if that is required for entry by Canadian citizens, and always present yourself as a Canadian when dealing with local authorities.