

Canadian citizens by calling their attention to local statutes or published regulations.

15.04 Consular Officers should not endeavour to prepare legal documents, e.g., wills or powers of attorney. The enquirer should be referred to a local solicitor or notary public or such other functionary as may be qualified to perform these services locally.

Custody of
Funds

15.05 a. As a general rule, Consular Officers should not accept any funds for safekeeping. The enquirer should be directed to a local bank or similar organization which provides such service.

b. However, in cases of great emergency, where no other course is reasonably open to the applicant, the Consul may exercise his discretion in accepting funds or valuables for safekeeping for a Canadian citizen. Currency should be counted in the presence of the owner and a receipt in duplicate signed by the Consul and by the owner of the funds or valuables as well. Wherever possible, there should be an independent witness to the entire transaction and a memorandum signed by the witness at the time of the transaction. This latter memorandum should be in duplicate and one copy given to the owner of the property and one copy retained by the Consul. The alternative mode of giving a receipt is to have the money or valuables placed in a container sealed by the person depositing them. The receipt may then be given for "one envelope said to contain money and valuables".