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## McDOUGALL ANNOUNCES ADDITIONS TO PASSPORT GUARANTOR LIST

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, today announced that members of the Canadian Association of Optometrists and the Canadian Association of Pharmacists may now sign passport applications as guarantors.

In December 1991, Mrs. McDougall announced measures to strengthen the security and quality control of Canadian passports while maintaining the quality of service currently provided to Canadians. Amendments to the list of persons eligible to sign applications as guarantor were highlighted in the package.

Adding pharmacists and optometrists to the guarantor list enhances the service provided to Canadians because they are accessible to the public, know and are known by many in their communities, and are willing to work together with the Passport Office in confirming the identities of passport applicants.

These associations are fully aware of the responsibilities of participating in the application process and have agreed to accept the duties in support of this activity and the security enhancement measures.

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