

DOING BUSINESS IN CANADA

CURRENCY AND EXCHANGE REGULATIONS

The currency system in Canada uses dollars and cents similar to the US system.

It is always best to change your money at a recognized financial institution, bank, trust company or currency exchange. Stores, hotels and restaurants will also exchange currency but the rate will not be as good as a financial institution.

CREDIT CARDS/ BANK MACHINES

Major cards such as American Express, Diners Club, MasterCard and Visa are widely accepted in Canada. Keep in mind your financial institution at home will automatically make the currency exchange before you receive your monthly statement.

You can use any bank card for the Interac system on most automatic banking machines in Canada, conveniently located at banks and other locations throughout most cities and at airports.

GRATUITIES

Tips or service charges are not usually added to restaurant bills in Canada.

If you are satisfied with the service received, a tip of 15 percent is customary. Some restaurants will place a mandatory service charge on a bill for a large party.

Barbers, hairdressers and taxi drivers are also usually tipped 15 percent of the bill.

Bellhops, doormen, redcaps (porters) and similar staff at hotels, airports and railway stations are generally paid C\$ 1 per item of luggage carried.

ELECTRICITY

Canadian appliances operate on 110 voltage.

TRANSPORTATION:

From international cities direct flights connect the major cities of the globe with the larger Canadian airports.