

### ***Alien Registration Card***

When you arrive in your host country, you may also need to obtain an alien registration card. You will be required to carry it at all times for identification purposes and as proof of your status, and you will have to turn it in before your departure.

### ***International Driver's Licence***

Contact your local Canadian Automobile Association (CAA) office to find out the procedures for obtaining an international driver's licence. Keep in mind, however, that some countries require foreigners to apply for a local licence after a certain period. Make enquiries before leaving Canada or at the time of your arrival. In addition, it is important that you educate yourself on the traffic rules and procedures of your host country before you get behind the wheel. Always carry your car insurance policy with you when driving in case of an accident.

### **Housing**

If your contract provides for housing, request a detailed description or photos, a floor plan, and a furniture inventory in advance. "Western" and "furnished" have different meanings in different places. Ask about the neighbourhood and transportation services. Verify whether you will have to share accommodation with someone else. By doing your homework

before you leave, you increase the chances of being satisfied upon arrival.

If housing is not part of the agreement, it may be difficult to find suitable accommodation. For example, if your destination is a university city and you will be arriving in September, there may be few options left. Moreover, housing in some countries is very expensive. Start your research early. Look on the Internet, ask your future employer, call any contacts you have in the destination community, and use your network of friends and relatives for advice and suggestions.

### **Dual Citizenship**

Holding dual citizenship does not necessarily mean you can work in the other country. Obtaining Canadian citizenship may have led to the loss of your other citizenship without your knowledge. Call the country's embassy or consulate accredited to Canada to ask for a definitive ruling on your status.

If your citizenship status is clear and you decide to work in your country of second nationality, you could be under certain obligations. For instance, you may be required to perform obligatory military service or you could lose your right to protection and assistance from Canadian