

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA WITH RESPECT TO SOCIAL SECURITY

The Government of Canada and the Government of Jamaica, resolved to cooperate in the field of social security, have decided to conclude an agreement for this purpose, and, have agreed as follows:

PART I — GENERAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE I

1. For the purpose of this Agreement, unless the context otherwise requires:
 - (a) “competent authority” means, in relation to Jamaica, the Minister responsible for National Insurance and, in relation to Canada, the Minister or Ministers of the Crown responsible for the administration of the laws specified in Article II 1.(b);
 - (b) “territory” means, in relation to Jamaica, the territory of Jamaica and, in relation to Canada, the territory of Canada;
 - (c) “legislation” means the legislation described in Article II;
 - (d) “competent institution” means, in relation to Jamaica, the competent authority or any body or institution to whom the functions related to this Agreement may be transferred and, in relation to Canada, the competent authority;
 - (e) “credited period” means a period of contribution, paid or credited, employment or residence used to acquire a right to a benefit under the legislation of either Party. This term also designates, in relation to Canada, any equivalent period during which a disability pension is payable under the Canada Pension Plan;
 - (f) “Government employment” includes, in relation to Jamaica, employment in the service of the Government of Jamaica or in the service of any statutory corporation of Jamaica or company registered under the Company’s Act of Jamaica, being a company in which the Government of Jamaica or an agency of the Government of Jamaica holds not less than fifty-one percent of the voting shares and, in relation to Canada, service in the employment of the Government of Canada or a Province of Canada or a Canadian municipality;
 - (g) “pension”, “allowance” or “benefit” includes any supplements or increases applicable to them;
 - (h) “old age benefit” means, in relation to Jamaica, an old age pension, including any wage-related increase, under the National Insurance Act of Jamaica and, in relation to Canada, an old age pension under the Old Age Security Act excluding any income tested supplement and the spouse’s allowance;