
Passport services

Canadian diplomatic missions in the United States provide only emergency passport services (e.g., assistance for travel to a third country in the event of a death in the immediate family). Full passport services are available through the Central Passport Office in Hull, Quebec, for mail-in applications. Processing mail-in applications usually takes 10 working days if all information and documentation have been provided. Walk-in passport service is available at 28 regional passport offices across Canada. Processing walk-in applications usually takes five working days. Application forms are available from Canadian diplomatic missions.

RETURNING HOME

Canada Customs

On re-entering Canada you must declare everything acquired abroad, whether purchases for yourself or gifts for others. Included are goods bought at Canadian or U.S. duty-free shops. Keep all receipts for possible inspection by a Canada Customs officer.

You may bring in C\$50 worth of goods, excluding alcohol and tobacco, duty-free if you have been away for at least 24 hours. After a 48-hour absence you may claim a duty-free exemption on C\$200 worth of goods. After an absence of seven full days, you may bring in C\$500 worth of goods duty-free without restriction, including alcohol or