

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Which services have been excluded by Canada from the NAFTA?

Key services Canada has excluded from the NAFTA are passenger and cargo air services, basic telecommunications, cultural industries, and government services such as health and social services.

Are government health and social services open to takeover by privately owned or foreign firms under the NAFTA?

No. The government retains the right to provide services in areas such as law enforcement, correctional services, income security or insurance, social security or insurance, social welfare, public education, public training, health, and child care. This is explicitly provided for in the NAFTA. If a province wishes to privatize any service related to health care, it may establish regulations requiring that the service be provided only by Canadian-owned firms.