

Canada in the UK

Federal government offices



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The Canadian High Commission in London is located in two separate buildings, Macdonald House and Canada House.

Macdonald House

Grosvenor Square, London W1X 0AB,
telephone: 01-629 9492

High Commissioner: Hon Donald C Jamieson PC

Some of the departments situated in Macdonald House are:

Consular and Passport Services: The Consular Section provides advice and assistance to Canadian citizens where a need exists as well as Passports and advice on Canadian citizenship.

Veterans Affairs: This office provides information on benefits available to Canadian veterans and their dependants outside Canada and such assistance as helping locate the graves of Canadian war casualties in the United Kingdom and Continental Europe.

Employment and Immigration: Immigration and visitor documentation information is available from this department.

Other departments in Macdonald House include:

Administration, Commercial Division, Customs & Excise, Defence Liaison, Defence Research, Health & Welfare, Labour, National Film Board of Canada, Political & Economic, and Science & Technology.

Canada House

Trafalgar Square, London SW1Y 5BJ,
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Canada House is visited by thousands of Canadian and other visitors every year. Some of the facilities available are:

Canada House Cultural Centre: The purpose of the Centre is to create a greater awareness of Canadian cultural activities in Britain. There are two gallery spaces, an auditorium and a cinema. The Centre is open 10 00 to 17 30 Monday to Friday. In addition, the gallery is open until 19 00 on Thursdays and from 12 00 to 17 00 on Sunday.

Information on all aspects of the Visual Arts and Performing Arts in Canada is available from the Centre. For the Visual Arts, monthly exhibitions are organized or received at the Centre which can often be made available for other British venues. Assistance is also provided for

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telephone: 01-930 7491

Agent General – Robert Larter

Canadian Banks Represented in London

National Bank of Canada

Portland House, 72 Basinghall Street, London EC2,
telephone: 01-726 6581

Bank of Montreal

246 Bishopsgate, London EC2, telephone: 01-377 1000

Bank of Nova Scotia

10 Berkeley Square, London W1, telephone: 01-491 4200
62-63 Threadneedle Street, London EC2,
telephone: 01-638 5644

Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce

48 Berkeley Square, London W1, telephone: 01-493 1421
55 Bishopsgate, London EC2, telephone: 01-628 9858

Royal Bank of Canada

2 Cockspur Street, London SW1, telephone: 01-930 8253
6 Lothbury, London EC2, telephone: 01-606 6633

Toronto Dominion Bank

62 Cornhill, London EC3, telephone: 01-283 8700

Provincial representatives, principal business offices and associations in London



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travelling exhibitions from other Canadian galleries. In the Performing Arts, there are regular recitals by Canadian artists, playreadings, lectures, poetry readings and other related activities. Information and assistance is available for tours of Canadian groups in Britain as well as groups who are considering visiting Canada.

There are regular film showings of Canadian film makers and video artists in the Cinema. A film library at the Centre is accessible to interested organizations which would like to programme Canadian films.

Academic Relations Division: Personal contact with professors from Canadian universities visiting or residing in Britain is welcomed in the division where lists are compiled of Canadian academics in Britain for distribution to British universities and colleges who often seek qualified lecturers in various fields.

Information Services: There is a broad range of publications, exhibits, records and tapes on Canada at the Information Section and Enquiry Centre. Teaching aids, including maps and audio-visual material, are also available.

Reading Room: Canadian newspapers in both languages are available as well as daily news bulletins received by telex in the Reading Room which is open from 09 30 to 17 00 Monday to Friday.

Reference Library: The Reference Library contains over 8000 general works on Canada, covering most aspects of Canadian life, history, the social sciences, government and politics, science and technology, literature and the fine arts, geography, travel, biography. Anyone with enquiries about Canada, or an interest in looking through the collections, is welcome to visit the Library which is located on the first floor in Canada House.

Public Archives of Canada: The Public Archives office collects in the original, on microfilm, or in facsimile, manuscripts, documentary art, photographs, films, sound recordings, and computer tapes of relevance to Canada for deposit in Canada. The office will also provide basic information on the research of Canadian topics in British repositories or on documentary research facilities in Canada.

Tourism: Brochures, maps and other assistance are available for all Canadian destinations.

Other services provided at Canada House include: Press, Public Affairs, Reception, and Visitors Mail Services.

Associated Canadian Offices

Canadian Broadcasting Corporation

43 Great Titchfield Street, London W1,
telephone: 01-580 0336

Canadian Wheat Board

7 St Helen's Place, London EC3, telephone: 01-588 4866

Canadian Airline Offices

Air Canada 140 Regent Street, London W1,
telephone: 01-759 2331, reservations: 01-759 2636

CP Air 62 Trafalgar Square, London WC2,
telephone: 01-930 3501, reservations: 01-930 5664

Wardair Rothschild House, Whitgift Centre, Croydon,
telephone: 01-680 4592, reservations: 01-680 4281

Canadian Associations in London

Canadian Chamber of Commerce

Kenneth Woodward-Fisher, Secretary-General,
1-3 Lower Regent Street, London SW1,
telephone: 01-930 7711

Canadian Universities Society

c/o Agent General for Ontario
13 Charles II Street, London SW1, telephone: 01-930 6404

Canadian Veterans Association UK

Lt Col A H Warr OBE ED, Honorary Secretary,
MacDonald House, Grosvenor Square, London W1,
telephone: 01-629 9492

Canadian Women's Club

13 Charles II Street, London SW1, telephone: 01-839 2350
(Mon-Thurs 09 30-15 00)

Maple Leaf Luncheon Club

P G Mercer, Honorary Secretary,
22 The Dale, Keston, Bromley, Kent BR2 6HW,
telephone: Farnborough (66) 55519