

Regional Services

Many of the Department's services and programs are delivered regionally. Passport offices are located across Canada. A network of regional Trade Commissioners provide support to Canadian businesses exploring foreign markets.

Department Staff

As you might expect, the Department's staff is as diverse as its responsibilities. More than seven thousand people are engaged in Canada and missions around the world.

Because of the nature of the work, employees are either rotational, non-rotational or locally engaged staff; different, yet equal and essential to the Department.

In Canada, non-rotational staff can be found in almost every bureau of the Department and from coast to coast in regional offices.

The majority work in areas which provide functional or common services to the rest of the Department. These include, among others: legal affairs; export and import controls; cultural relations; the library; and security. As non-rotational employees they provide the stability and corporate memory that is essential to running the Department.

The largest group of employees are locally engaged personnel: people hired at missions abroad. They too provide stability and corporate memory. And their local knowledge is invaluable to the Department.

Employees who make up the Canadian Foreign Service are committed to work on a rotational basis in Canada or at any of the Canadian missions abroad. Their assignments take a variety of forms: management and consular affairs; administrative and technical services; public relations; the Trade Commissioner Service; and political and economic affairs.