

Are you a Canadian citizen?

In general, if you were born in Canada, you are a Canadian citizen. If you were born in Canada after February 14, 1977, and at the time of your birth, your parents were not Canadian citizens or permanent residents, and at least one parent had diplomatic status in Canada, you are not a citizen. If you were born in Canada before February 15, 1977 to a parent who was a foreign diplomat in Canada, contact CIC for more information on eligibility.

If you were born in another country:

- In general, you are a Canadian citizen if you became a citizen through the naturalization process in Canada (i.e., you were a permanent resident — a landed immigrant — before you became a citizen).
- In general, you are a Canadian citizen if you were born outside Canada and one of your parents was a Canadian citizen at the time of your birth and that parent was either born in Canada or naturalized in Canada ('naturalized' means that the parent was a permanent resident — a landed immigrant — before becoming a citizen). You are the first generation born outside Canada.

- You may be a Canadian citizen if you were born outside Canada between January 1, 1947, and April 16, 2009, inclusively to a Canadian parent who was also born outside Canada to a Canadian parent (you are the second or subsequent generation born outside Canada). If you think this may apply to you and you need more information, please contact CIC.
- If you were a British subject residing in Canada when the *Canadian Citizenship Act* came into force on January 1, 1947, or you were born outside Canada to a British subject parent who might have become a citizen on that date, contact CIC to find out how to confirm whether or not you are a citizen.

If you are uncertain about whether you are a Canadian citizen, we encourage you to use CIC's online self-assessment tool before applying for the Certificate of Canadian Citizenship. To use the online tool, visit the CIC website at www.cic.gc.ca, and proceed to the "Apply for Citizenship" section.