

are issued to the Governor-General, to members of the Cabinet and certain other holders of high office under the Crown, as well as to Ambassadors, Ministers, High Commissioners and other persons proceeding abroad on official government business having a diplomatic character. Emergency Certificates, another kind of travel document, are issued to persons who are Canadian citizens but to whom it is not feasible to issue Canadian passports — such as to merchant seamen who have been left behind by their ships and persons who have lost their passports and are repatriated at Government expense. Emergency certificates are a form of temporary travel document issued for a direct journey to Canada and are surrendered by the bearers to the Immigration authorities at the ports of entry. Collective Certificates, also known as group passports, are only granted by the Passport Office at Ottawa. They are granted to groups of Canadian citizens travelling abroad together, for example to athletes taking part in a competition, orchestral groups, and choirs. Certificates of Identity are also issued only by the Passport Office at Ottawa, but they may be renewed by consular officers serving abroad. They are issued only to non-Canadians, legally landed and permanently resident in Canada, who are stateless or who for certain other reasons do not have passports of the country of their nationality.

When consular officers abroad issue passports, they are required to attach to them a Notice and Warning. The Notice advises Canadian citizens who intend to visit Sino-Soviet-bloc countries that for their own protection they should inform the Canadian mission of their intentions and travel plans on arrival and of their intended departure when they are leaving. The Warning states that Canadian citizens who were born abroad or whose parents were born abroad may be considered by the governments of the countries of their origin or birth to be nationals of these countries, although by Canadian law they are citizens of Canada; they are therefore reminded that when they are in these countries it may not be possible for Canada to give them effective protection.

Visas are issued by Canadian consular officers abroad to persons who wish to enter Canada either for a permanent or a temporary stay. There are many types of visas, the most important being immigrant visas, ordinary non-immigrant visas, courtesy visas and diplomatic visas. Immigrant visas are issued to those persons who are entering Canada for permanent residence as immigrants. For the most part such visas are issued by officers of the Department of Citizenship and Immigration stationed abroad, but they may also be issued by officers performing consular duties who are members of the Department of External Affairs or the Department of Trade and Commerce in those countries where there are no Canadian Immigration officers. Ordinary non-immigrant visas are issued to persons entering Canada for a temporary period either as tourists or on private business. They also are issued by Immigration officers, as well as by Canadian diplomatic and consular posts and by Trade Commissioners' Offices. Courtesy visas are issued by External Affairs and Trade and Commerce posts, primarily to officials of foreign governments not holding diplomatic rank who are proceeding to Canada on official business. Diplomatic visas are usually granted only to persons holding diplomatic passports and are issued to heads of state, to members of diplomatic and consular services, to Cabinet Ministers and persons proceeding to Canada on business of a diplomatic character.