

432 **Responsibility of Consular Services abroad and High Commissions in the issuance of Canadian passports**

Canadian Passports are issued under the authority of the Secretary of State for External Affairs in his exercise of the prerogative of the Crown respecting the issuance and control of passports. Canadian missions abroad have been charged by the Secretary of State for External Affairs to provide passport services to Canadians outside Canada. Missions are to adhere to the procedures regulating the issuance of passports contained in the Canadian Passport Order PC 1981-1472 4 June, 1981. Functional direction, materiel and operational information regarding issuance of Canadian passports are provided by the Passport Office to missions abroad.

Figure 7 provides the net cash flow that the Passport Office needs to finance the issuance of Canadian passports abroad. Revenues collected by consular services abroad are recorded under the Passport Office Revolving Fund activity and a refund is made to the Department for services provided by consular services abroad.

**Figure 7: Post Abroad Net Cash Flow**

	<u>1991-92</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>1992-93</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>1993-94</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>1990-91</u> <u>Actual</u>
Revenue*	\$1,830,840	\$1,881,735	\$1,906,825	\$1,787,252
Operating Expenditures**	<u>4,631,420</u>	<u>4,643,160</u>	<u>4,656,510</u>	<u>4,733,545</u>
Surplus/ (Deficit)	<u>(2,800,580)</u>	<u>(2,761,425)</u>	<u>(2,749,685)</u>	<u>(2,946,293)</u>
Volume	73,000	75,000	76,000	71,960
Cost per passport	\$63.44	\$61.91	\$61.27	\$65.78

\* These figures include only the revenue collected for the Canadian passports issued locally by the Posts Abroad (refer to Figure 8 concerning the present Fee Structure).

\*\* These figures include direct costs incurred by the Passport Office and the refund for total salary costs (\$4,447,460 per fiscal year) to issue passports abroad incurred by External Affairs and International Trade Canada.