

where separate consular offices are not established, the general supervision of the consular service in the country, with the exception of the consular staff, is the responsibility of the Department.

Part of the work of a post is to distribute information about Canada, and to receive and disseminate information about the country. This is done by full-time consular officers, as well as by other officers. There is also no distinction between consular representation and the consular service of the Canadian government in the country.

In some cases, officers of other departments of the Canadian government - commercial, military, naval, air or others - are attached to the consular staff. They also work under the general supervision and direction of the head of the mission.

- The work of a mission is to:
- (a) to conduct negotiations with the government to which it is accredited;
 - (b) to keep the home government fully informed of political and social developments of significance in the country in which it is serving;
 - (c) to watch over Canada's interests in the country;
 - (d) to serve Canada in the country;
 - (e) to make information about Canada available.

A constant flow of despatches keeps the missions and the Department in Ottawa in close touch on all such matters.

Qualifications for the Service

Those entering the external service of Canada do so on a career basis under the merit system. Only British subjects who have resided in Canada ten years in Canada are eligible for admission.

The basic qualification for the diplomatic service is a university degree with, preferably, post-graduate study. Examinations are held annually by the Civil Service Commission and consist of three papers: a written test, a test in the field of consular work, and an oral examination. The written test for the position of third secretary of Foreign Service Office grade 1 consists of a short-answer objective type paper designed to discover a candidate's intelligence and general knowledge, and a paper consisting of essays and a précis on Canadian and international affairs. The oral examination is designed to discover personal qualities and knowledge of modern languages.

As a condition of appointment, candidates must give preference to all appointments.