

If you have any questions about passports, consult www.ppt.gc.ca or call 1 800 668-6381.

U.S. Entry Requirements

The United States does not require Canadian citizens to have a visa if they plan to stay no longer than six months in the United States for recreational purposes. Those who wish to stay longer may apply for an extension of their stay, before the six-month period expires, to the nearest office of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Citizenship and Immigration Services. They must maintain a residence in Canada to justify their non-immigrant status when they cross the border. To retire permanently in the United States, Canadians have to qualify as immigrants.

While U.S. authorities currently do not have a legal requirement that Canadians carry a passport, the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade strongly urges Canadians to carry a valid Canadian passport for all visits to the United States. Your Canadian passport is the best document to prove that you are a citizen of Canada with the right to return to Canada.

To enter or transit the United States, you may also be asked for proof that

the trip is for a legitimate purpose and is of reasonable length, and proof of financial support while in the United States. Some Canadians may also be subject to the U.S. National Security Entry Exit Registration System (NSEERS). For more information, refer to our Country Travel Report on the United States (www.voyage.gc.ca/dest/intro-en.asp) and our booklet *U.S.A. Bound*, or contact the Embassy of the United States of America in Ottawa.

Dual Nationality

Canadian law permits a Canadian to have more than one nationality. However, your Canadian citizenship may not be recognized in the country of your other citizenship, and the authorities of that country may not recognize Canada's right to provide you with consular assistance. This is especially true if you did not use your Canadian passport when entering that country. Where permitted by laws of the country in question, the Government of Canada encourages Canadians to use their Canadian passport when travelling abroad and to present themselves as Canadians to foreign authorities.

For more information, refer to our booklet *Dual Citizenship: What Travellers Should Know*. For information on entry requirements, consult