

# Canadian Passports for Persons Adopted Abroad



## Passports for persons adopted abroad and granted Canadian citizenship

Since December 23, 2007, persons adopted abroad by Canadian citizens may be granted citizenship without first becoming permanent residents provided the adoption meets certain criteria. Individuals adopted abroad and granted Canadian citizenship are entitled to Canadian passport services.

### Returning to Canada with an adopted person

If you wish to apply for a Canadian passport for a person adopted abroad while you are overseas, you can submit a passport application at a Canadian government office abroad as soon as the adoptee has been granted Canadian citizenship.

### Applying for a Canadian passport

#### Requirements

When applying, you will be required to provide:

- a completed passport application form,
- signature(s) of adopting parent(s) on the application form (for children under 16 years of age),
- the adoption order, and
- supporting identification (for the parent if the child is under 16 years of age or for the applicant if 16 years of age or over).

#### Guarantor

Your guarantor must live within the jurisdiction of the passport issuing office. If you do not know an eligible guarantor who meets all the guarantor requirements as stated on your application form, you may complete a "Declaration in Lieu of Guarantor" form. This form must be completed at your expense before a person authorized by law to administer an oath or solemn affirmation. This form is available upon request from any passport issuing office. If completed outside Canada, a qualified official includes a Canadian or British diplomatic or consular representative or a qualified local official.

#### Certificate of Canadian citizenship

If you are applying for a Canadian passport within one year of the adoption, you can submit the application without a certificate of Canadian citizenship. In this case, the consular section of the Canadian government office abroad will verify the grant of citizenship for the adopted person.

If you are applying for a passport more than one year after the adoption took place, you will need to submit a certificate of citizenship with the application.

#### Dual citizenship

An adopted person who becomes a Canadian citizen may retain the citizenship of their country of origin. However, dual citizenship is not permitted in all countries. In these cases, Citizenship and Immigration Canada may issue a facilitation visa in the adoptee's foreign national passport. Should the applicant choose to proceed with an application for a Canadian passport, they will be asked to sign a waiver recognizing the risks of holding two passports.

### Application forms for a Canadian passport

#### Persons adopted under 16 years of age

For children under 16 years of age, adoptive parents should complete:

- When applying in the United States, *Child General Passport Application for Canadians under 16 years of age (PPTC 155)*;
- When applying abroad, *Child Passport Application for Canadians under 16 years of age (PPTC 042)*.

#### Persons adopted 16 years of age or over

Applicants 16 years of age or over should complete:

- When applying in the United States, *Adult General Passport Application for Canadians 16 years of age or over (PPTC 153)*;
- When applying abroad, *Adult Passport Application for Canadians 16 years of age or over (PPTC 040)*.

## Submitting your application for a Canadian passport

The application must be submitted to the Canadian government office abroad that processed the grant of citizenship or to the Canadian government office abroad responsible for processing passport applications from residents of the country where the adoptee resides (if different).

Note: Before an application for a Canadian passport can be processed, all requirements must be met and supporting documentation must be provided with the application form.

### For more information...

Consult the Citizenship and Immigration Canada website: [www.cic.gc.ca](http://www.cic.gc.ca).

For hard copies of the passport application forms, visit your nearest service location within Canada (go to [www.passportcanada.gc.ca](http://www.passportcanada.gc.ca)) or Canadian government office abroad (go to [www.voyage.gc.ca](http://www.voyage.gc.ca) and click on "Contact Us").

Passport application forms are also available on the Passport Canada website: [www.passportcanada.gc.ca](http://www.passportcanada.gc.ca).

Telephone (Toll free): 1-800-567-6868

TTY Services: 1-866-255-7655

Outside Canada and the U.S.: 819-997-8338