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## CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION CANADA

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Phone: 1.888.242.2100

Website: [www.cic.gc.ca](http://www.cic.gc.ca)

Services offered:

- Enforce provisions of the Immigration Act.
- Help reunite families.
- Encourage people with special skills to immigrate to Canada.
- Provide protection for refugees.
- Admit visitors and temporary workers.
- Help newcomers settle.
- Fund Host Program to help newcomers integrate into Canadian society.
- Provide citizenship education and promotion activities.
- Fund Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada Program (LINC).
- Grant citizenship or verify claims to Canadian citizenship.
- Distribute information about acquiring citizenship.
- Provide Immigrant Settlement and Adaptation Program that funds non-

government organizations for services such as translation, orientation, counselling and employment assistance.

- Provide Refugee Resettlement Program that gives financial support to government-assisted refugees in their first year in Canada.

A new law amending the Citizenship Act came into effect on April 17, 2009. The new law gives Canadian citizenship to certain people who lost it and to others who are recognized as citizens for the first time.

Citizenship is automatic and retroactive to the day the person was born or lost citizenship, depending on the situation. These people do not have to apply for citizenship, but may need to apply for a certificate to prove their citizenship. People who were Canadian citizens when the law came into effect will keep their citizenship.

### Who became a citizen under the new law

The law restores citizenship to people who:

- became citizens when the first citizenship act took effect on January 1, 1947, including people born in Canada prior to 1947 and war brides. It also applies to other British subjects who had lived in Canada for at least five years before 1947, became citizens on January 1, 1947, and who then lost citizenship.

It also restores citizenship to people who:

- were born in Canada or who became Canadian citizens on or after January 1, 1947, and who then lost their citizenship and
- were born outside Canada, on or after January 1, 1947, in the first generation born abroad, to a Canadian citizen.

The law also gives citizenship to some people who have never been citizens. This includes people who:

- were born outside Canada on or after January 1, 1947
- are in the first generation born abroad and
- were born to a Canadian citizen.

### Who did not become a citizen under the new law

Some people did not become citizens under the new law. This includes people who:

- did not become citizens when the first citizenship act took effect on January 1, 1947
- were born in Canada but are not citizens because when they were born, one of their parent was a foreign diplomat and neither parent was a permanent resident or citizen of Canada
- were born outside Canada to a Canadian parent, who are not already citizens or who lost their citizenship in the past, and who were born in the second or next generation abroad (this includes people who failed to retain citizenship)
- renounced their citizenship as adults with the Canadian government or
- had their citizenship revoked by the government because it was obtained by fraud.

### Understanding the first generation limitation

Under the old rules, it was possible for Canadians to pass on their citizenship to endless generations born outside Canada. To protect the value of Canadian citizenship for the future, the new law limits – with a few exceptions – citizenship by descent to one generation born outside Canada.

This means that children born to Canadian parent in the first generation outside Canada will only be Canadian at birth if:

- one parent was born in Canada, or
- one parent became a Canadian citizen by immigrating to Canada and was later granted citizenship (also called naturalization).

The rules may also affect children adopted by Canadian parent outside Canada, depending on the way in which the child obtained, or will obtain, their Canadian citizenship. Learn more about the new citizenship law and adoption.

### Government workers and Canadian Forces personnel

All children born to a Canadian parent who is working outside the country for the Canadian federal or provincial governments, or serving in the Canadian Forces, will be Canadian, **regardless of the generation in which they were born outside Canada.\***

However, it is important to note that the children of diplomatic or military personnel will have limits on their ability to pass along Canadian citizenship to their own children if those children are born outside of Canada.

This means that their children born outside Canada (the grandchildren of diplomatic or military personnel) will not be Canadian, unless:

- one Canadian parent is working outside the country for the Canadian federal and provincial governments, or serving in the Canadian military; or
- one parent was born or naturalized in Canada (naturalized means they immigrated to Canada and were later granted citizenship).

\*This exception does not apply to Canadians employed as locally-engaged staff.

## What do I need to prove I am a Canadian citizen?

For most purposes, people born in Canada may use their provincial or territorial birth certificate to prove their Canadian citizenship. People who were born in Canada and lost their citizenship, and who either resumed their citizenship in the past or regained it under the new law, should be able to use their birth certificate as proof of citizenship.

## IMMIGRANT SERVING AGENCIES

### Assist Community Services Centre

9649 105A Ave. NW T5H 0M3

Phone: 780.429.3111

Fax: 780.424.7837

Email: [info@assistcsc.org](mailto:info@assistcsc.org)

Website: [www.assistcsc.org](http://www.assistcsc.org)

- **ASSIST** is a non-profit, charitable organization governed by a Board of Directors who represents the community and this Board brings with them a variety of professional and voluntary experiences and talents. Our board and staff believe in empowering immigrants by providing essential services to assist them in integrating into a new country.
- Our programs include Integrated Services Program, Adult English Courses, Children, Youth, Family and Senior Services. One-on-One counselling, workshops and group activities are provided to improve the well-being of people who live in our community. The Centre also recruits a large number of volunteers to provide the community with the necessary support so all can work together to build a harmonious and healthy community.

## Canadian International Immigrant and Refugee Support Association

10584 107 St. NW T5H 2Y6

Phone: 780.429.4553

Fax: 780.424.5961

- Helps to sponsor refugees from all parts of the world.
- Helps newly arrived refugees and immigrants to begin to settle and adjust to their new lives in Canada.
- Assists in family reunification for newcomers and refugees.
- Provides support and advocacy for refugee claims.
- Acts as an advisor to ethnic organizations in Edmonton.
- Public education.

## Catholic Social Services

Immigration & Settlement Service

10709 105 St. NW T5H 2X3

Phone: 780.424.3545

Fax: 780.425.6627

Website:

[www.catholicsocialservices.ab.ca](http://www.catholicsocialservices.ab.ca)

- Support and outreach programs for seniors from ethno-cultural communities.
- Computer Classes.
- Settlement Counselling.
- Seniors meet regularly for information about various aspects of living in Alberta.
- Conversation Groups

## Changing Together – A Centre For Immigrant Women

3rd Floor -10010 105 St. NW T5J 1C4

Phone: 780.421.0175

Fax: 780.426.2225

Contact: Blythe Campbell

Email: [info@changingtogether.com](mailto:info@changingtogether.com)

Website: [www.changingtogether.com](http://www.changingtogether.com)

All our services are for immigrant women.

We offer:

- English as a Second Language and English Conversation Classes
- Basic Computer classes
- A Volunteer program
- Seniors Program for Immigrant Women-workshops on topics of interest for senior immigrant women. We have an income generating project involving crafts, art, knitting, crocheting, sewing and other interesting things to do.
- Our Family Services Department offers assistance and referral for women needing help: immigration issues, food bank, housing needs, Prevention of Family Violence: women needing assistance fleeing domestic or seniors' abuse.
- For other services please check our website: [www.changingtogether.com](http://www.changingtogether.com)

## Edmonton Immigrant Services Association

#201, 10720 113 St. NW T5H 3H8

Phone: 780.474.8445

Fax: 780.477.0883

Website: [www.eisa-edmonton.org](http://www.eisa-edmonton.org)

- Provides programs and services to assist new immigrants and refugees settle and integrate into Canadian society. Services include citizenship and human rights education, English as a Second Language, interpretation

and translation. Matches newcomers with established Canadians for friendship and support.

## Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers (EMCN)

11713-82 St T5B 2V9

Phone: 780.424.7709

Fax: 780.424.7736

Email: [info@emcn.ab.ca](mailto:info@emcn.ab.ca)

Website: [www.emcn.ab.ca](http://www.emcn.ab.ca)

- Community Services: community development and community economic development, small business coaching, settlement coaching, health and wellness services, counselling, community support groups and family and children's support services.
- English as an Additional Language: language instruction for newcomers to Canada, conversational English classes.
- English classes for seniors and part-time reading/writing/grammar classes.
- Edmonton Centre for Survivors of Torture and Trauma.
- Career Services and Employment Services: workshops, employment and career counselling, employment resource centres, job clubs, specialized training and bridging programs. Programs and services are offered from the following locations in Edmonton.

### EMCN at Nova Plaza

8914 - 118 Avenue T5B 0T6

Phone: 780.4217400

Fax: 780.428.4252

### EMCN at Wentworth Building

10209 - 97 Street T5J 0L6

Phone: 780.428.5062

Fax: 780.428.5064

### **EMCN at Welcome Centre for Immigrants**

#335, Tower II,  
Millbourne Market Mall  
(38 Avenue and Millwoods Road) T6K 3L6  
Phone: 780.462-6924  
Fax: 780.466.6594

### **Indo Canadian Women's Association**

9342 34 Ave. T6E 5X8  
Phone: 780.490.0477  
Fax: 780.490.0478  
Email: icwaedmonton@yahoo.ca  
Website: www.icwaedmonton.com

- Women's support groups.
- Serves South Asian seniors.
- Information, referral, , settlement and employment services.
- Service is free and confidential.
- English as a Second Language, English literacy, Canadian citizenship and computer classes.

### **International Qualifications Assessment Service (IQAS)**

Alberta Employment & Immigration  
9th Floor, 9942 - 108 Street NW  
Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2J5  
Phone: 780.427.2655  
Fax: 780.422.9734  
Website:  
www.immigration.alberta.ca/iqas

### **Islamic Family & Social Services Association (IFSSA)**

#85, 4003 98 St. NW T6E 6M8  
Phone: 780.430.9220  
FAX: 780.466.9280  
Email: info@ifssa.ca  
Website: www.ifssa.ca

### **Literacy Helpline of Alberta**

Phone: 1.800.767.3231  
Fax: 403.410.9024

### **Multicultural Health Brokers Co-op**

10867 97 St. NW T5H 2M6  
Phone : 780.423.1973  
Fax : 780.428.2748  
Contact : Yvonne Chiu  
Email: mchb@mchb.or  
Website : www.mchb.org

- Encourages community development and health promotion.
- Provides consultation support to other service providers regarding cross-cultural issues.
- Serves as health broker between health institutions and immigrant families; provides one-to-one support to individuals and families.
- Services also include health education, parenting support, prenatal education and post-natal support, sexuality education and translation.
- Provides information about resources, community education, referrals to health services and advocacy support for older adults.

### **SICES - Society for the Improvement of Caregiving & Educational Services**

B-102 Lower Level  
10010 107A Ave. NW T5H 4H8  
Phone: 780.474.4900  
Toll free: 1.800.577.4267  
Fax: 780.489.9669  
Website: www.sices.net

- Trains local and overseas caregivers.
- Provides care-giving services on a live-in or live-out basis.

## Welcome Centre for Immigrants

335 Tower Two, Millbourne Shopping Mall  
 7609 38 Ave. NW T6K 3L6  
 Phone: 780.462.6924  
 Fax: 780.466.6594  
 Website: www.mwci-edmonton.net

- Settlement and employment services; Job Search Workshops.
- Citizenship classes in the evening.
- Referral to English as a Second Language classes.
- Business support and community development.
- Educational counselling.
- Community Developments

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Seniors Association of Greater Edmonton

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Address:.....

City:.....Province:.....

Postal Code:.....

Email: .....Phone:.....

Date of Birth: .....

First Language: Eng  Fr  Other

#### Membership Types (includes GST)

Regular: \$21/person/year

Multi-Year: \$42/person/year

Lifetime: \$105 for anyone over 65 years

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**Thankyou**