



## CANPASS REMOTE AREA BORDER CROSSING (RABC) PERMIT

### THE CANPASS RABC PERMIT IS VALID FOR THE FOLLOWING REMOTE AREAS:

- from Pigeon River through to and including Lake of the Woods
- the Canadian shore of Lake Superior
- Cockburn Island
- Sault Ste. Marie (upper lock system)
- Emerson West Lynne

The CANPASS RABC permit, allows the bearer to cross the border into Canada at the above remote areas without reporting to a port of entry, as long as imported goods are declared.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR A CANPASS RABC PERMIT?

Canadian citizens, permanent residents of Canada, United States citizens and permanent residents of the United States are eligible to apply for a CANPASS RABC permit.

United States citizens and permanent residents must meet normal visitor legislative requirements, as described under the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (IRPA)*, that is, be in good health, be law abiding and have sufficient funds for their stay in Canada. For more information on Immigration requirements for visitors to Canada, please consult the CIC Web site at [www.cic.gc.ca](http://www.cic.gc.ca).

Applicants may not qualify for a CANPASS RABC permit if they have been previously charged with a contravention of Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) or Immigration legislation; if they have criminal convictions for which there has not been a pardon or, if they have provided false or incomplete information on the CANPASS RABC permit application.

### PROGRAM CONDITIONS:

- CANPASS RABC permits are valid only for the remote areas listed above and may not be used to cross the border at any other location.
- Individuals crossing at any other location in Canada should consult our Web site at [www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca](http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca) to learn about an alternate reporting program for your area.
- Individuals must have their CANPASS RABC permit in their possession when they cross the border into Canada at the remote areas identified above. Individuals who are not in possession of a CANPASS RABC permit, or whose permit has expired must enter at a port of entry. Verifications will be conducted periodically.
- CANPASS RABC permit holders entering to work in Canada must be in possession of a valid work permit where applicable under the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (IRPA)*.
- CANPASS RABC permit holders entering at a CBSA office open for business will not be exempted from the normal examination process.
- Dependents travelling separately must have a copy of the CANPASS RABC permit in their possession.
- All firearms must be registered and presented to the CBSA at a port of entry prior to being brought into Canada. Forms are available at 1-800-731-4000, at [www.cfc-ccaf.gc.ca](http://www.cfc-ccaf.gc.ca) or at any CBSA office. If you have any questions about importing a firearm into Canada, please check our Web site at [www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca](http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca) or call the CBSA office nearest you.
- CANPASS RABC permit holders, who are importing goods that will remain in Canada, or who are importing goods over their personal exemption entitlement, must contact a CBSA office prior to departing from the United States and provide a full description and value of all such goods. A border services officer will issue a reference number to the CANPASS RABC permit holders and will advise them of the steps they must follow when they arrive in Canada.

# HOW TO APPLY FOR A CANPASS REMOTE AREA BORDER CROSSING (RABC) PERMIT

## SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

- **Passport:** submit a photocopy of the pages bearing your photograph and signature. No further documentation is required if you submit your passport.
- If you do not have a passport, each person 18 years and over **must** provide two pieces of identification: one primary **AND** one secondary document. Photocopies of identification documents are acceptable. **Do not** mail original documents.
- Each child under 18 years of age need only provide a primary document.
- **Note:** If you have received a CANPASS RABC permit in the last three years, you do not need to submit copies of identification. You will only need to submit identification for family members whose names have been added to the permit.

### Documents that **MUST** be provided:

- Passport (no secondary ID required)
- United States Permanent Resident Card
- State Issued Birth Certificate \*\*
- Canadian Permanent Resident Card
- Record of Landing (IMM 1000)
- Province Issued Birth Certificate
- Citizenship Card or Citizenship Certificate
- Certificate of Naturalization

### Documents that **MAY** be requested:

- Driver's License (preferred)
- United States Social Security Card
- Canadian Social Insurance Card

Note: \*\* Hospital certificates are **not** acceptable.

## PROCESSING FEE

### By Mail:

- The CAN\$30 per application processing fee includes the principal applicant plus qualifying family members (see below).
- The processing fee is **NOT** refundable.
- CAN\$30 payable by Visa, MasterCard or American Express **ONLY**.

### In person at a CBSA office:

- May be paid in cash, debit card, or a cheque drawn on a Canadian Financial Institution.
- Please note that cheques drawn on United States bank accounts are not acceptable.

## QUALIFYING FAMILY MEMBERS

- The family consist of a principal applicant plus spouse (includes a common law partner or same sex partner who have lived with principal applicant for one or more years) and children under 18 years of age. Children under 18 must be children of the applicant, applicant's spouse or of legal guardianship to applicant.
- Please list all children under 18 years of age that may be travelling to Canada in the next year. Dependents cannot be added after the CANPASS RABC permit has been processed.

## EXPIRY DATE INFORMATION

- CANPASS RABC permits are valid for one year from the date of issue.

## CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION (MANDATORY IF APPLYING BY MAIL)

I agree to pay the Receiver General for Canada on my credit card the CANPASS RABC processing fee. CAN\$ \_\_\_\_\_  Visa  Mastercard  American Express

\_\_\_\_\_  
Card Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Card Holder

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Expiry Date of Card

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Name of Card Holder (Please Print)



APPLICATION FOR CANPASS REMOTE AREA BORDER CROSSING (RABC) PERMIT

Please print

Form with fields for personal information: Have you had a CANPASS RABC permit in the last three years?, Last name, First name, Middle name, Maiden name, Country of citizenship, Street address, Apt. no., City/Town, State/Province, Postal code/Zip code, Home phone, Business phone, Marital status, Sex, Place of birth, Date of birth.

Please note that a false statements regarding the following questions may result in the refusal of a CANPASS RABC permit and that the CAN \$30 processing fee will NOT be refunded.

Have you, or any of your dependents to be included on the CANPASS RABC permit, ever been convicted of one of the following offences for which you/they have not been pardoned:

- A crime or offence in any country, including a misdemeanour?
A contravention of the Canada Customs Act?
A contravention of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act?
Have you, or any of your dependents to be included on the CANPASS RABC permit, ever committed a criminal offence?

If the answer is "Yes" to any of the questions, please provide details (type of conviction, date of conviction):

What is the purpose of your trip? (for non-residents of Canada only)
Tourism Work Other
If you are coming to "work" or "other", please explain:

Please list all dependents that may come to Canada in the next year.

I wish to have the following family members (spouse, children under the age of 18) included on my CANPASS RABC permit (attach a separate sheet if necessary).

Table with 5 columns: Last Name, Given Name(s), Date of Birth (Year, Month, Day), Country of Citizenship, Relationship to applicant. Rows for Spouse, Son, Daughter.

I certify that all information given on this application, and in support of this application, was provided voluntarily and is true and complete.

I understand that any information on this application (except for credit card information), any supporting documents, and any background information may be shared among CBSA authorities and among law enforcement and other government agencies in accordance with applicable laws.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Note: The information provided on this form will be stored in PIB#EIC/P-PU-115 and will be used to determine your eligibility to participate in this program.

FOR CBSA USE ONLY:

Application Accepted and documents verified, Signature of Officer and Badge Number, Foss, PRS / ICS, Background Check, Approved, Refused, Reason for refusal.

## **WHERE TO APPLY FOR A CANPASS REMOTE AREA BORDER CROSSING (RABC) PERMIT**

### **BY MAIL (PREFERRED METHOD)**

At least 3-4 weeks in advance of your trip, mail the completed application and photocopies of the supporting documentation to:

Canada Border Services Agency  
CANPASS RABC Processing Centre  
201 North May Street, 1st Floor  
Thunder Bay, Ontario Canada P7C 3P4  
Telephone: 807-624-2162

You will receive a response by mail, unless an interview is deemed necessary. You **MUST** have a copy of your CANPASS RABC permit on your person when travelling.

### **IN PERSON**

The completed application and supporting documentation can be presented to a border services officer at one of the following Canada Border Services Agency offices:

Fort Frances Port of Entry  
Rainy River Port of Entry  
Pigeon River Port of Entry  
Sault Ste. Marie Port of Entry  
Emerson West Lynne Port of Entry

Canada Border Services Agency  
CANPASS RABC Processing Centre  
201 North May Street, 1st Floor  
Thunder Bay, Ontario Canada P7C 3P4

When applying in person, a decision will be provided while you wait, or mailed to you within 48 hours. Waiting times at ports of entry may vary. During peak travel times, line-ups can result in significant delays.

### **CHECKLIST**

Please take a minute to review your application and complete this checklist.

Have you remembered to:

- Fully complete the application;
- Sign the application;
- Attach COPIES of the supporting documentation, including documentation for accompanying spouse and dependent children; and
- Complete and sign the credit card authorization.