



CANPASS - REMOTE AREA BORDER CROSSING (RABC) PERMIT

The CANPASS – Remote Area Border Crossing (RABC) permit, a joint initiative of Citizenship and Immigration Canada and the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency, allows the bearer to cross the border into Canada at certain remote areas without reporting to a port of entry, as long as imported goods are declared.

The permit is valid for the following locations:

- from Pigeon River through to and including Lake of the Woods
- the Canadian shore of Lake Superior
- Cockburn Island

WHO CAN APPLY FOR AN RABC PERMIT

Canadian citizens and permanent residents of Canada and U.S. citizens and alien residents of the U.S.

U.S. citizens and alien residents must meet normal visitor requirements, that is, be in good health, be law abiding and have sufficient funds for their stay in Canada.

Applicants may NOT qualify for a permit if they have been previously charged with a contravention of Customs or Immigration legislation; have criminal convictions for which there has not been a pardon (this may include "misdemeanor" offences such as driving while impaired, theft and assault); have committed a criminal offence; or have provided false or incomplete information on the CANPASS – RABC application.

FEES: \$30 Canadian per application.

HOW TO APPLY: Instructions are on the reverse side

PROGRAM CONDITIONS

- Permits are valid only for the locations listed above and may not be used to cross the border in any other location.
- Travellers who are not in possession of an RABC Permit or whose permit has expired must enter by way of a port of entry. Spot checks will be conducted periodically.
- Permit holders entering to work in Canada must be in possession of written permission from an immigration officer.
- Permit holders entering at an open, designated port of entry will not be exempted from the normal examination process.
- Dependants travelling separately must have a copy of the permit in their possession.
- All firearms must be registered and presented to Canada Customs at a Port of Entry prior to being brought into Canada. Forms are available at 1-800-731-4000, www.cfc-ccaf.gc.ca or any Customs office. If you have any questions about importing a firearm into Canada, call the Customs Office nearest to where you plan to import the firearm.
- Permit holders who wish to import goods must contact the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency prior to departing from the U.S. and must provide a full description of all such goods. A customs officer will issue a reference number and will advise the traveller of what steps to follow. The numbers to call are: 807-274-3655 (Fort Frances), 807-852-3341 (Rainy River), 807-964-2093 (Pigeon River), 705-941-3063 (Sault Ste Marie) or 204-437-2361 (Sprague) whichever is closest. Permit holders will *not* be allowed to report these goods to a port of entry after they have entered Canada.

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PROCESS

- Applications can be made in person or by mail.
- Applicants must complete and sign the application on the adjacent page.
- Each adult **must** provide two pieces of identification: one primary **AND** one secondary document. Photocopies of identification are acceptable. Do not put original documents in the mail.
- Persons renewing an existing permit need only submit identification for family members who are new to the permit.
- Each child (under 22 years of age) must provide only a primary document.

Primary Documentation

Birth Certificate *Resident Alien Card*
Passport *Record of Landing*
Citizenship Certificate

Secondary Documentation

Driver's Licence
US Social Security Card
Canadian Social Insurance card

Birth Certificates must have been issued by state or provincial authorities.

Persons in possession of a valid passport need only submit a photocopy of the pages bearing their photograph and signature. No further documentation will be necessary.

PROCESSING FEE

- \$30.00 Canadian per application payable by Visa, MasterCard or American Express **ONLY**.
- A family may consist of a principal applicant plus spouse and dependant children.
- Applications presented in person may be paid in cash.
- The processing fee is **NOT** refundable.

Who are dependant children? Dependant children must be your own or the children of your spouse. They must:

- be under the age of 22 and not be a spouse or common-law partner; OR
- have been continuously enrolled and in attendance as full-time students in an educational institution AND financially supported by their parents since reaching age 22 (or from the date of their marriage if married before age 22). Students who interrupt their full time studies continue to be considered dependants as long as they are not away from school for a total of more than one year and continue to be supported by their parents during that time (school holidays need not be included). Applicants must submit proof that they qualify as a student dependent; OR
- due to a physical or mental condition, be unable to support themselves AND be dependant on their parents for financial support.

TO BE COMPLETED IF YOU ARE PAYING BY CREDIT CARD

I agree to pay the Receiver General for Canada on my credit card for the Immigration services I have requested.	\$.00	VISA MASTERCARD AMERICAN EXPRESS
Card Number - - -	Name of Cardholder (please print)	
Expiry Date of Card /	Signature of Cardholder	



APPLICATION FOR CANPASS - REMOTE AREA BORDER CROSSING (RABC) PERMIT

This application is for: A New Permit Renewal Of An Existing Permit

Date Permit required by applicant: Day _____ Month _____ Year _____

Surname (Family Name) _____ Given Name(s) _____ Middle Name(s) _____

Date of Birth: Day _____ Month _____ Year _____ Place of Birth: City _____ State/Province _____ Country _____

Citizenship _____ Marital Status: Never Married Married Widowed Separated Divorced Sex: Male Female

Complete Residential Mailing Address: No. and Street _____ Apt. No. _____ City or Town _____

State/Province _____ Postal Code or Zip Code _____ Home Phone () _____ Business Phone () _____

Have you, or any of your dependants to be included on the 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? Yes No

a contravention of the Canada Customs Act? Yes No

a contravention of the Canada Immigration Act? Yes No

Have you, or any of your dependants to be included on the Permit, ever *committed* a criminal offence? Yes No

If the answer is "YES", please provide details:

What is the purpose of your trip? (for non-residents of Canada only)

Tourism Work

If you are coming to "work", please explain:

I wish to have the following family members (spouse and dependants) included on my RABC Permit.

Surname (Family Name) (include maiden name if applicable)	Given Name(s)	Date of Birth			Citizenship	Relationship to Applicant
		Day	Month	Year		

I hereby authorize Canada Immigration and Canada Customs to disclose the information on this application to Canadian and U.S. police authorities to verify my compliance with the requirements of this program. I also certify that all information given in this application is true and complete.

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. It is protected by the Privacy Act and you may request access to it any time.

For Official Use Only:

Application accepted and documents verified: _____

Signature of Officer and Badge No. _____

FOSS PIRS/ICES Background Check

Approved Refused

Reason for refusal _____

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IN PERSON

The completed application and supporting documentation can be presented to an Immigration Officer at one of the following offices:

Thunder Bay Citizenship & Immigration Office
Fort Frances Citizenship & Immigration Office
Pigeon River Port of Entry

Rainy River Port of Entry
Fort Frances Port of Entry
Emerson Port of Entry

A decision will either be rendered while you wait or mailed to you within 48 hours.

PRE-APPROVAL BEFORE YOU ARRIVE AT THE BORDER

Simply mail the completed application and ***photocopies*** of the supporting documentation to:

Canada Immigration Centre
Suite 108, 221 Archibald St. N.
Thunder Bay, Ontario
P7C3Y3

Tel: (807) 624-2162

WHY APPLY BY MAIL INSTEAD OF IN PERSON?

Whenever possible, applicants are encouraged to apply *by mail*.

- You will receive a mailed response, unless an interview is deemed necessary.
- If you have applied for and received your permit by mail, you will be able to proceed directly to your destination without having to divert to an open port of entry.
- Waiting times at ports of entry may vary. During peak travel times, line-ups can result in significant delays. Applying by mail can keep you out of the line-up.

CHECK LIST

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 required documentation, including documentation for accompanying spouse and dependant children; and
- Complete and sign the credit card authorization.