



CANPASS

REMOTE AREA BORDER CROSSING (RABC) PERMIT

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
- Sault Ste. Marie (upper lock system)

The CANPASS Remote Area Border Crossing (RABC) permit 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.

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. may apply for an RABC permit.

U.S. citizens and alien residents must meet normal visitor requirements, that is, they must be in good health and law abiding, and they must 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; if they have criminal convictions for which they have not received a pardon (this may include "misdemeanour" offences such as driving while impaired, theft and assault); or if they have provided false or incomplete information on the CANPASS/RABC application.

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. Verifications will be conducted periodically.
- 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*.
- 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 the Canada Border Services Agency (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 or at any CBSA office. If you have any questions about importing a firearm into Canada, call the CBSA office nearest to where you plan to import the firearm.
- Permit holders who wish to import goods that will remain in Canada or who are over their exemption entitlement must contact the CBSA prior to leaving the U.S. and must provide a full description of all such goods. A CBSA officer will issue a reference number and advise the traveller of which 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.

HOW TO APPLY FOR A CANPASS

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REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- Each adult **must** provide two pieces of identification: one primary **AND** one secondary document. Photocopies of identification papers are acceptable. **Do not** put original documents in the mail.
- You do not need to submit copies of identification if you have received an RABC permit in the last three years. You will only need to submit identification for family members whose names have been added to the permit.
- Minors and children (under 18 years of age) need only provide a primary document.

Primary Documents

- Passport
- U.S. Permanent Resident Card
- State-Issued Birth Certificate
- Province-Issued Birth Certificate
- Canadian Permanent Resident Card
- Record of Landing
- Citizenship Card
- Citizenship Certificate
- Certificate of Naturalization

** Hospital certificates are **not** acceptable.

Secondary Documents

- Driver's Licence (preferred)
- U.S. Social Security Card
- Canadian Social Insurance Card

PROCESSING FEE

- C\$30 per application payable by Visa, MasterCard or American Express **ONLY**.
- Applications presented in person may be paid in cash.
- The processing fee is **NOT** refundable.
- The processing fee is for the primary applicant, plus qualifying family members (see below).

QUALIFYING FAMILY MEMBERS

- A family consists of a principal applicant and a spouse (including a common-law partner or same-sex partner who has lived with the principal applicant for one or more years), and dependent children. Dependent children must be your own or the children of your spouse. They must:
 - be under the age of 22 and not a spouse or a common-law partner; OR
 - have continuously been enrolled and in attendance as full-time students in an educational institution AND financially supported by their parents since reaching the age of 22 (or from the date of their marriage if married before 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 counted). Applicants must submit proof that they qualify as student dependants; OR
 - due to a physical or mental condition, be unable to support themselves AND be dependent on their parents for financial support.
- If you are the legal guardian of children or you have adopted children and you want them to be on the permit, please provide legal proof of adoption or guardianship. Please list all dependants who may be travelling to Canada in the next year. We **CANNOT** add dependants after the permit has been processed.

EXPIRY DATE

Permits are valid for one year from the date of issue.

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION

I agree to pay the RABC processing fee to the Receiver General for Canada with my credit card.	<input type="checkbox"/> VISA <input type="checkbox"/> MASTERCARD <input type="checkbox"/> 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

Please Print

Have you had a permit in the past three years? [] Yes [] No

Last Name: First Name(s): Middle Name(s):

Country of Citizenship: Marital Status: [] Never Married [] Married [] Widowed [] Separated [] Divorced [] Common-Law [] Same-Sex Partner Sex: [] Male [] Female

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

Mailing Address: Street Address Apt. No. City/Town

State/Province Zip Code/Postal Code Home Telephone Business Telephone

Please note that a false statement regarding the following questions may result in the refusal of an RABC permit and that the \$30 processing fee will NOT be refunded. 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 or they have not been pardoned: A crime or offence in any country? A contravention of the Canada Customs Act? A contravention of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act? 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 dependants who may come to Canada in the next year: I wish to have the following family members (spouse and dependants under 22) included on my RABC permit. Attach a separate sheet if necessary.

Table with 5 columns: Last Name, Given Name(s), Date of Birth (Day, Month, Year), Country of Citizenship, Circle: 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:

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY: Application Accepted and documents verified: Signature of Officer and Badge Number: [] Foss [] PRS/ICS [] Background Check [] Approved [] Refused Reason for Refusal

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BY MAIL

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

**Canada Border Services Agency
RABC Processing Centre
201 North May Street
Thunder Bay, ON
P7C 3P4
Canada
Tel.: (807) 624-2162**

You will receive a mailed response, unless an interview is deemed necessary.
You MUST have a copy of your permit on your person when travelling.

IN PERSON

The completed application and supporting documents can be presented to a CBSA officer at one of the following:

**Canada Border Services Agency offices at the:
Rainy River port of entry
Fort Frances port of entry
Pigeon River port of entry
Sault Ste. Marie port of entry**

When applying in person, a decision will either be rendered 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. Applying by mail might be a better option.

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 the required documents, including documents for accompanying spouse and dependent children? and
- complete and sign the credit card authorization?