

Non-Resident Firearms Declaration

Non-residents visiting Canada can bring their own firearms by applying for a Non-Resident Firearms Declaration (CAFC-909). Generally, non-restricted firearms may be brought to Canada for hunting or for personal protection in remote wilderness areas.

Restricted firearms may be brought into Canada under very specific purposes, such as for gun shows or shooting competitions. Otherwise, a Non-Resident Firearms Declaration for handguns is very rarely issued. Firearms declared Prohibited in Canada (including .25 or .32 calibre handguns, and/or having a barrel length of 105mm or less) cannot enter Canada under any circumstances.

Once it has been determined that you may enter Canada with your restricted firearms, Authorization to Transport documentation is available by calling 1 800 731-4000 and requesting to be connected to the Chief Firearms office for the province in which you are visiting. Please call 1-2 weeks prior to your entry into Canada to ensure the paperwork is in place.

Please check with Canada Border Services Agency at the telephone number provided below for information regarding your personal situation.

This form can be obtained from Canada Border Services Agency in advance or at time of crossing. The form must be completed in triplicate and signed in front of a Customs officer.

The form is available on our website www.cfc-cafc.gc.ca by clicking on "Visitors to Canada Link"; and by choosing the appropriate form, or by ordering a copy through our office at 1 800 731-4000. This number is available for residents of Canada and the United States. International residents may call 1-506-624-5380.

The Non-Resident Firearms Declaration is a license to possess firearms and registration certificate all in one. A public safety check is conducted on all applicants.

Non-residents with a Non-Resident Firearms Declaration can directly and immediately supervise others (adults and minors, Canadian residents and non-residents) providing that the firearm: being used is the one that you have claimed on your declaration; is being used for the purpose declared.

When you arrive in Canada with a Non-Resident Firearms Declaration and you plan on being here beyond the 60-day period, you can receive an extension to your Declaration from the Chief Firearms Office for the province you are visiting. To extend your Declaration, please call our office at the above number and we will connect you. This extension must be granted prior to the 60-day expiry. If the Confirmed Declaration has expired, it can only be renewed through Canada Border Services Agency.

The fee for obtaining a Non-Resident Firearms Declaration is \$25.00 for 60 days. If you are returning to Canada with the same firearms listed on the declaration form, you may use the form again. If you are returning to Canada with different firearms, you may still use the declaration form; however, please obtain and complete a new copy of the Non-Resident Firearms Declaration - Continuation Sheet to declare the firearms you wish to import. Every time you enter Canada, Canada Border Services Agency will complete Section E and issue a new confirmation number

Information on ammunition and its components can be obtained through Canada Border Services Agency at 204-983-3500 (Western office) or 506-636-5064 (Eastern office).

Sincerely,
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RCMP Firearms Centre
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