



# TRAVEL TIPS

## New Regulations For Gun Users Visiting Canada

(NAPS)—Don't travel with trouble. It's a good idea to learn a few new rules about carrying firearms into Canada. As of January 1, 2001, non-resident hunters and sports-persons visiting Canada need a temporary license to bring firearms across the border or to borrow firearms.

Visitors will also need this license to purchase ammunition or to acquire firearms while in that country.

Those with a valid Firearms Acquisition Certificate (FAC) or possession and acquisition license (PAL) (\$60 Canadian for five years for non-restricted firearms) do not need to complete any forms at the border. They must still verbally declare firearms to a customs officer for verification and show a license, but will not have to pay additional fees to bring firearms across the border.

Anyone bringing firearms into Canada who does not have a valid FAC or possession and acquisition license must fill out a sixty-day, Non-Resident Firearm Declaration in triplicate. To save time, the form should be filled out before arriving at the border. You can fill out the form once and photocopy the completed form twice if it has been downloaded from the Web site. The signature block on all copies must be left unfilled since the form must be signed in front of a customs officer, who will verify the declared firearms. This license costs \$50 Canadian for all the firearms that are being temporarily imported and can be renewed any number of times up to a year at no additional cost.

Those borrowing firearms while in Canada must either have a valid



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FAC or PAL or an approved, sixty-day Temporary Firearms Borrowing License for Non-residents. This license costs \$30 Canadian and it can be renewed once in a twelve-month period at no additional cost. It should be submitted ahead of time and can be completed by someone else, such as an outfitter.

Visitors must be eighteen years old to bring firearms into Canada. A minors' permit is available for those under eighteen who wish to use non-restricted firearms.

If bringing restricted firearms into Canada, (mainly handguns) apply ahead of time for an Authorization to Transport from the Chief Firearms Officer (CFO) in the province(s) you intend to visit and show the customs officer a copy.

Canada does not allow concealed, prohibited weapons or replica firearms to be imported.

For application forms and additional information, call 1-800-731-4000 or see the Canadian Firearms Centre's Web site at [www.cfc.gc.ca](http://www.cfc.gc.ca). For information on the declaration process, call Canada Customs at 1-204-983-3500 or 1-506-636-5064.