



Meet the CBSA!

CBSA stands for the **Canada Border Services Agency**. We are the federal government department responsible for the management of our country's borders.

The Agency has a unique mandate – we are responsible for **both security and facilitation at the borders**. That means we have to keep dangerous or illegal people and goods out, while making it easier for regular people and legitimate goods to get in.

The Agency has over **13,000 employees**, which includes the **7,200 uniformed BSOs** you meet when you come to Canada.

We provide service at about **1,200 points** (here and internationally), including management of:

- 119 land-border crossings
- 13 airports
- 27 rail sites
- Major marine ports (e.g., Halifax)
- Three international mail processing centres

We administer over **90 acts, regulations, and international agreements**.

Security

- We interdict (stop) illegal goods entering or leaving the country;
- We protect food safety, plant/animal health, and Canada's resource base;
- In 2012, we stopped and seized:
 - Almost **25,000 weapons**;
 - Over **\$305 million in drugs**;
 - Almost **\$10 million in currency** tied to proceeds of crime and terrorist financing.

Trade

Facilitation

- We administer trade legislation agreements, and collect duties and taxes on imported goods;
- We enforce trade remedies to protect Canada's industry, and promote Canada internationally;
- We administer a redress process;
- In 2012, we processed over **14 million commercial releases**, and almost **35 million courier shipments**.

Travel

- We apprehend violators of the IRPA;
- We detain/remove people who may pose a threat to Canada;
- We investigate suspected war criminals, national security cases, and organized crime groups;
- In 2012, we removed almost **19,000 people** and denied almost **51,000 people** entry into Canada. We also recovered **12 missing children**.

- We develop and implement innovative solutions for low-risk travellers (e.g., NEXUS, Automated Border Clearance);
- In 2012, we processed over **100 million travellers**, including:
 - Over **37 million vehicles**;
 - About **350,000 aircraft** and **150,000 marine vessels**;
 - Over **20,000 refugee** claims.