

Foreign-born CF dependants are Canadians

From the Assistant Deputy Minister (Human Resources – Military) [ADM(HR-Mil)]

In October 2002, Social Development Canada (SDC), formerly Human Resources Development Canada (HRDC), reduced the number of documents deemed as acceptable proof of identity during the application process for a Social Insurance Number (SIN). The "Certificate of Registration of Birth Abroad" was one of the documents deemed no longer acceptable.

Fast forward: A CF dependant, born overseas, applies to change her SIN documents to reflect her married name. SDC does not accept her application because her "Certificate of Registration of Birth Abroad" is no longer acceptable proof of her identity, and indicates that

only a "Certificate of Citizenship" is acceptable proof of identity for anyone born outside Canada. This response causes the CF dependant in question to believe she is not a Canadian citizen.

In fact, she is a Canadian citizen. Without doubt, children born outside of Canada to deployed CF members are Canadian citizens.

After a review of this and other situations, SDC intends to reinstate the "Certificate of Registration of Birth Abroad" as acceptable proof of identity for CF dependants applying for a Social Insurance Number (SIN).

The citizenship of CF dependants born overseas is not in doubt. However, CF dependants who were born abroad to a parent who was also born outside Canada may have to make formal

application, before their 28th birthdays, to retain their Canadian citizenship.

The definition of those to whom this latter situation may apply is complex. If you think this may apply to you or to someone you know, please consult www.cic.gc.ca/english/citizen/retention-worksheet.html for comprehensive information on requirements and procedure.

Consult CANFORGEN 037/05 and references at <http://vcds.dwan.dnd.ca/> for more information, or read CF Administrative Order (CFAO) 26-9 at www.admfincs.forces.gc.ca/admfincs/subjects/cfao/intro_e.asp.

Visit www.sdc.gc.ca/en/gateways/topics/sxn-gxr.shtml for information about obtaining a Social Insurance Number.

Additionally, the "Certificate of Registration of Birth Abroad" has been and remains acceptable proof of citizenship for CF dependants applying for Canadian passports. Visit www.ppt.gc.ca/menu_e.asp for more information. ✦



CDA seeks graduates' input

From the Director of Professional Development, Canadian Defence Academy

If you are a graduate of Canadian Defence Academy (CDA) Officer Professional Military Education (OPME) courses, you may soon be receiving notification of the CDA Validation Section's current Web-based survey.

The CDA is the managing authority for common professional development (PD) courses for CF officers and non-commissioned members (NCMs). As such, the academy is responsible for periodic reviews to confirm that PD courses continue to prepare CF members to be effective leaders.

Validation of your PD courses provides specific information about the match—or mismatch—of your training/education and your job/military profession requirements. The information you provide is used primarily to adjust training and education so that they continue to produce graduates who perform well on the job and have the knowledge and skills required in their professions. Moreover, validation may prompt changes to the specifications or practices based on graduates' and supervisors' feedback.

The Validation Section may send you an e-mail or letter asking you to complete an online questionnaire about the OPME course or courses from which you've recently graduated. Forward or take this request to your supervisor or

immediate superior, because he/she is asked to respond to the online supervisor questionnaire that accompanies the one you complete.

Please respond promptly to this request. Your responses, and those of your supervisor or immediate superior, provide the CDA with information that validates current PD courses or may contribute to their modification or updating. If you do not have access to the Defence Wide Area Network (DWAN), you will receive a package with the questionnaire through your Unit Orderly Room.

If you are a recent graduate of the Intermediate Leadership Qualification (ILQ), Command and Staff Course (CSC), or Basic Officer Training Program, you may be asked in the near future to complete Web-based surveys as well.

Consult CANFORGEN 029/05 at <http://vcds.dwan.dnd.ca/> for more information, and visit the CDA Directorate of Professional Development at <http://cda-acd.mil.ca/dpd/> for comprehensive information and published validation reports. ✦

AMPARA, SRI LANKA — CF Disaster Assistance Respon Team (DART) member WO Bill Wyman, from Ottawa, uses a hand pump to empty a school well contaminated during the tsunami. DART members and other CF members who receive notification of the CDA Validation Section's current Web-based survey are encouraged to respond.

Honours and awards

From the Assistant Deputy Minister (Human Resources – Military) [ADM(HR-Mil)]

Governor General Adrienne Clarkson is pleased to announce the awarding of National Honours to deserving CF members.

▪ The **Star of Courage** to:

Master Corporal Jason Hamilton, for exceptional courage demonstrated when he led the rescue effort to recover stricken comrades from an anti-tank mine explosion outside Kabul, Afghanistan, October 2, 2003.

Corporal Dan Matthews, for exceptional courage demonstrated when he assisted in the rescue effort to

recover stricken comrades from an anti-tank mine explosion outside Kabul, Afghanistan, October 2, 2003.

▪ The **Meritorious Service Cross (military)** to:

Major-General Andrew Leslie, for outstanding leadership and professionalism as Commander Task Force (TF) Kabul and Deputy Commander International Security Assistance Force (ISAF), Afghanistan, August 2003 to February 2004.

Colonel Peter Devlin, for outstanding leadership and professionalism as Commander of Kabul Multi-national Brigade, *Operation ATHENA*, ISAF, Afghanistan, July 2003 to January 2004.

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