

New Canadian Citizenship Rule for Canadians Born Abroad

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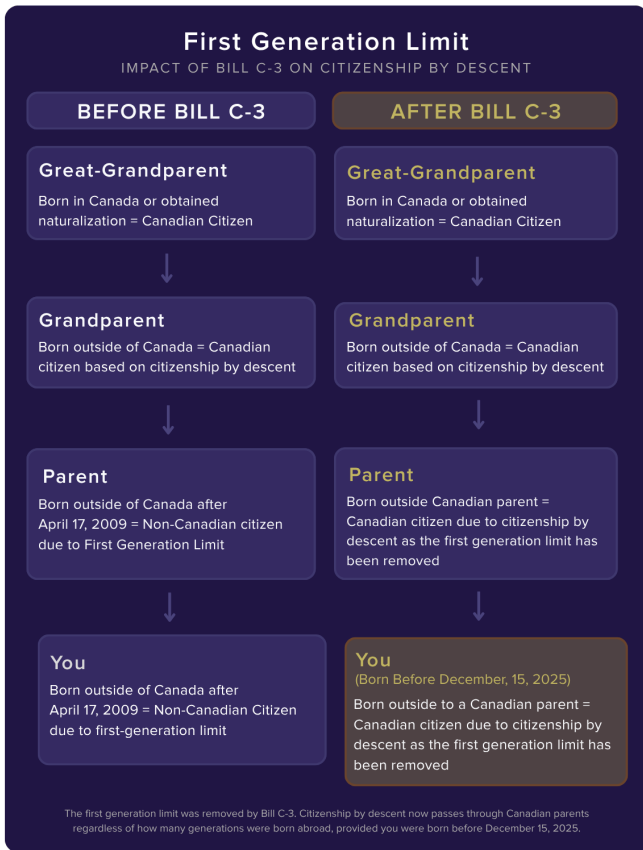
On **December 15, 2025**, the Government of Canada passed Bill C-3 to change the first-generation limit on citizenship by descent.

This **new law** allows a Canadian parent born or adopted outside Canada to pass on Canadian citizenship to their children born or adopted outside Canada, subject to a physical presence requirement in certain cases.

For individuals born after December 15, 2025, a substantial connection requirement applies. For those born before that date, the first-generation limit is removed.

Infographic summary of Bill C-3 changes:





Challenges for proof of Canadian Citizenship

One of the challenges for proof of Canadian citizenship is obtaining the correct supporting documents. At **TDS**, we can assist with sourcing birth and death certificates across Canadian provinces, as well as alternative historical records where required.

Next steps

If you or someone you know has a Canadian ancestor, it may be worth exploring eligibility for citizenship. Applications for proof of citizenship must be submitted to Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada.

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