

## **Russians may now apply for ten-year multi-entry Canadian visas**

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“The Canadian Citizenship and Immigration Department has officially announced a new visa program, which will issue foreign citizens with multi-entry visas with the validity period of up to ten years with due account of the validity of external passports,” the ministry said.

Full information is available at [www.cic.gc.ca](http://www.cic.gc.ca), the ministry said.

“The Canadian embassy in Russia said that the practice would be applied broadly to Russian citizens, primarily businessmen and persons who have family members permanently residing in Canada. Currently, the maximal possible validity period of a Canadian visa is five years,” the ministry said.

“We view the Canadian decision as a positive step towards more stabile bilateral relations in the visa aspect. In turn, Russia is prepared to discuss other measures in the simplification of the mutual visa regime,” the ministry said.