



LAWYERS FOR SECURE IMMIGRATION

Overview

This report presents a comprehensive set of recommendations to strengthen Canada's immigration, refugee, and citizenship frameworks. The proposals focus on safeguarding national security, enhancing accountability of institutions, protecting vulnerable communities (notably from antisemitism and hate-related activity), and reinforcing Canadian values in immigration and citizenship processes. Many recommendations align with or expand upon provisions in the proposed **Strong Borders Act**, while also identifying legislative and regulatory reforms needed under the **Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (IRPA)** and **Regulations (IRPR)**.

Key Themes & Recommendations



1. **Foreign Visitors Promoting Hate or Terrorism**
 - Operationalize the IHRA definition of antisemitism in IRCC guidelines.
 - Amend IRPA/IRPR to list admissibility assessment factors (e.g., social media, past speeches, international precedents).
 - Bar individuals with histories of hate speech, terrorism support, or glorification of terrorist activity.
2. **Information Sharing and the Strong Borders Act**
 - Support proposed IRPA amendments enabling inter-agency information sharing.
 - Empower CBSA to cooperate with hate-crime units and law enforcement to screen for high-risk visitors.
3. **Accountability of Designated Learning Institutions (DLIs)**
 - Require DLIs to submit quarterly compliance reports on study permit holders.
 - Mandate adoption of the IHRA definition of antisemitism as a condition for designation in the International Student Program.
4. **Security Screening & Conditions for Temporary Residents**
 - Strengthen screening (mandatory police certificates where appropriate).
 - Amend IRCC application forms to ask about ties to subversive or terrorist organizations, including dropdown menus of designated entities in Canada.
 - Require students, workers, and visitors to sign declarations committing to adherence to Canadian law and values.
 - Enhance removal powers for violations of involving moral turpitude.
 - Amend IRPR to allow automatic revocation of permits for violations involving moral turpitude without requiring criminal conviction.

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5. CBSA Enforcement & Hate Crimes

- Establish a CBSA hate crimes unit to coordinate with police forces.
- Direct CBSA to systematically apply inadmissibility provisions to foreign actors engaged in terrorism, espionage, or subversion.

6. Refugee Determination & Related Processes

- Amend IRPA to bar refugee claims after 365 days in Canada unless compelling new evidence arises.
- Expand the Safe Third Country Agreement (STCA) to bar all US arrivals from making refugee claims regardless of timing or entry method.
- Require oral hearings at the IRB for claimants from countries or territories governed by terrorist entities.
- End concurrent PRRA and H&C applications
- Exclude UNRWA certificates from EMPP eligibility or any other program under referenced in IRPA/IRPR.

7. Removal of War Criminals and Terrorists

- Enforce all removal orders unless stayed by court.
- Introduce reverse onus detention provisions for high-risk individuals pending removal.

8. Visa and Exit Controls

- Implement mandatory interviews for applicants from designated high-risk countries.
- Develop a comprehensive exit verification system, expanding international information-sharing agreements.

9. Citizenship Policy and Canadian Values

- Expand citizenship application questions to capture indictable offences, terrorism, espionage, and service in hostile armed forces since permanent residency.
- Insert a Canadian Values Statement into the citizenship study guide, emphasizing democracy, rule of law, multiculturalism, and protection from hate.
- Strengthen the oath of citizenship by embedding explicit references to Canadian values.

10. Additional Strong Borders Act Proposals

- Support measures preventing admissibility hearings when applicants are outside Canada and limiting ministerial compulsion at IRB hearings.
- Recommend clear regulatory oversight for new “protected classes” under IRPA.
- Appointment of additional Federal Court judges given anticipated increase in litigation and larger backlogs.

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Conclusion

The proposals reflect L4SI's central aim: to secure Canada's immigration system against exploitation while protecting Canadian values of democracy, tolerance, and multiculturalism. Implementation would:

- Enhance consistency and transparency in admissibility decisions.
- Strengthen enforcement against hate speech, foreign interference, and terrorism.
- Increase accountability of DLIs and temporary residents.
- Protect Canada's citizenship framework by embedding explicit values and safeguarding vulnerable communities.


These reforms, taken together, would modernize Canada's immigration and citizenship systems in a way that both secures borders and preserves the integrity of Canadian democracy and multiculturalism.

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