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Sharry Aiken, *2025 Casebook Update* (August 25, 2025)

## Chapter 1: Introduction

<p><b>New resources</b></p>	<p>Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, <i>2024 Annual Report to Parliament on Immigration</i></p> <p>Canada, <i>Notice – Supplementary Information for the 2025-2027 Immigration Levels Plan</i> (24 October 2024)</p> <p>Canada, <i>2025 – 2027 Immigration Levels Plan, Backgrounder</i> (24 October 2024)</p> <p>John Paul Tasker, “Trudeau announces reduction in temporary foreign workers, suggests more immigration changes to come”, CBC News (26 August 2024)</p> <p>Benjamin Lopez Steven, “Canada still an ‘open country’ despite immigration cuts, says minister”, CBC News (26 October 2024)</p> <p>Alice Craft, Federica Guccini, and Stein Monteiro, “Building Inclusive Communities Amid Immigration Shifts: Insights from the 2024 Canadian Immigration Summit”, The Conference Board of Canada (11 June 2025)</p>
<p><b>Relevant Section</b></p>	<p>Chapter 1, section I (Introduction: The Contemporary Context of Canadian Immigration Law), pp. 2-3.</p>
<p><b>Link or text</b></p>	<p>2024 Annual Report: &lt;<a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/publications-manuals/annual-report-parliament-immigration-2024.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/publications-manuals/annual-report-parliament-immigration-2024.html</a>&gt;</p> <p>Supplementary Information: &lt;<a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/news/notices/supplementary-immigration-levels-2025-2027.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/news/notices/supplementary-immigration-levels-2025-2027.html</a>&gt;</p>

	<p>2025 – 2027 Immigration Levels Plan, Backgrounder: &lt;<a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/news/2024/10/20252027-immigration-levels-plan.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/news/2024/10/20252027-immigration-levels-plan.html</a>&gt;</p> <p>Tasker: &lt;<a href="https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/trudeau-crackdown-temporary-foreign-workers-1.7304819">https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/trudeau-crackdown-temporary-foreign-workers-1.7304819</a>&gt;</p> <p>Lopez Steven: &lt;<a href="https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/immigration-targets-permanent-residents-1.7363718">https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/immigration-targets-permanent-residents-1.7363718</a>&gt;</p> <p>Craft <i>et al.</i>: &lt;<a href="https://www.conferenceboard.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/building-inclusive-communities_june2025.pdf">https://www.conferenceboard.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/building-inclusive-communities_june2025.pdf</a>&gt; [access by setting up a free user account]</p>
<b>Discussion</b>	<p>The most recent IRCC <i>Annual Report</i> provides updated statistics to those in the casebook. The <i>Annual Report</i>'s highlights indicate that in 2023, there were 471,808 new permanent residents (7.8% higher than in 2022). There were also 6,645,353 travel documents issued to visitors, students, and temporary workers, including 682,889 study permit holders and 949,270 work permit holders under the Temporary Foreign Worker Program and the International Mobility Program. Among new permanent residents, economic class admissions accounted for 272,744 individuals, or 58%; family-class admissions for 109,730 individuals, or 23%; refugees for 74,979 individuals, or 16%; and humanitarian and compassionate/discretionary admissions for 14,355 individuals, or 3%. The Levels Plan announced in October 2024 included targets of 395,000 new permanent residents for 2025, 380,000 for 2026 and 365,000 in 2027.</p> <p>In March 2024, the government announced plans to reduce the annual visa target for temporary workers by 19% within three years and set a new cap on temporary migration [for references, see Update to Chapter 8, Section IV (Temporary Workers), below]. In late August 2024, the government announced plans for new restrictions in the numbers of low-wage temporary foreign workers businesses will be able to hire and announced that it was considering an overall reduction in annual targets for permanent resident (“PR”) admissions. In October 2024, with the release of the 2025-2027 Levels Plan, an overall decrease of 105,000 PR admissions compared to projected levels was confirmed. According to the Backgrounder, “[t]his year’s levels plan reduces permanent resident targets ... and forecasts decreases for the following two years, resulting in a pause in population growth in the short term to achieve well-managed, sustainable growth and economic prosperity for the long term.” For 2025, more than 40% of new permanent residents are expected to be individuals already in Canada on temporary status (international students and foreign workers).</p> <p>In a 2025 Issue Briefing, the Conference Board of Canada highlights strategies for adapting to the reduced immigration intake while building equitable, inclusive communities.</p>

<b>New resource</b>	Statistics Canada, <i>Immigration and Ethnocultural Diversity Statistics</i> (2021)
<b>Relevant Section</b>	Chapter 1, section I (Introduction: The Contemporary Context of Canadian Immigration Law), pp. 2-3.
<b>Link or text</b>	< <a href="https://www.statcan.gc.ca/en/subjects-start/immigration_and_ethnocultural_diversity">https://www.statcan.gc.ca/en/subjects-start/immigration_and_ethnocultural_diversity</a> >
<b>Discussion</b>	This page provides a high-level snapshot of immigration-related statistics. It indicates that in 2021, 23% of the Canadian population were immigrants, a total of 8,361,505 people. From 2016 to 2021, the number of immigrants coming to Canada was 1,328,240. Second-generation Canadians amount to 17.6% of the total population.
<b>New resources</b>	<p>Canada, <i>Indigenous Mobility and Canada's International Borders: Reflecting back and looking forward</i> (2024)</p> <p>Olivia Stefanovich, "Immigration minister says he wants to make it easier for Indigenous people to cross borders" CBC News (29 September 2023)</p> <p>Vincent Wong, "After the migrant deaths in Akwesasne, Canadian immigration law must reckon with its colonial history", <i>The Conversation</i> (20 April 2023)</p> <p>APTN News, "Sinixt Nation: A Story of Extinction and Baskets", YouTube 23:50 mins (2 December 2022)</p> <p>Canada, "Temporary measures to reunite families of Indigenous people separated by Canada's border" (9 January 2025)</p>
<b>Relevant Section</b>	Chapter 1, section II (Building a Settler Society and Indigenous Relationships), pp.21-27
<b>Link or text</b>	Canada: < <a href="https://www.canada.ca/content/dam/ircc/documents/pdf/english/corporate/publications-manuals/indigenous-mobility/ibx-report-en.pdf">https://www.canada.ca/content/dam/ircc/documents/pdf/english/corporate/publications-manuals/indigenous-mobility/ibx-report-en.pdf</a> >

	<p>Stefanovich: &lt;<a href="https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/miller-international-border-crossings-indigenous-1.6979627">https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/miller-international-border-crossings-indigenous-1.6979627</a>&gt;</p> <p>Wong: &lt;<a href="https://theconversation.com/after-the-migrant-deaths-in-akwesasne-canadian-immigration-law-must-reckon-with-its-colonial-history-203393">https://theconversation.com/after-the-migrant-deaths-in-akwesasne-canadian-immigration-law-must-reckon-with-its-colonial-history-203393</a>&gt;</p> <p>APTN News: &lt; <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nDXbVf_Jdi4">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nDXbVf_Jdi4</a>&gt;</p> <p>Canada: &lt;<a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/ibx-measures.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/ibx-measures.html</a>&gt;</p>
<b>Discussion</b>	<p>The <i>Indigenous Mobility</i> report documents input provided by First Nations, Inuit, and Metis participants in consultations spearheaded by the federal government. The report proposes a road map for pursuing amendments to the IRPA as well as relevant regulations and policies to address the longstanding border crossing and migration challenges faced by Indigenous peoples on both sides of the Canada-US border. The supplementary resources (CBC news, Wong and the documentary on the Sinixt Nation) explore the contemporary ramifications of issues the Federal Court of Appeal left unresolved in <i>Watt v Liebelt and Canada</i>, extracted in chapter 1. In early 2025 the federal government announced temporary measures to make it easier for Indigenous people separated by Canada’s border to reunite with family in Canada.</p>

<b>New resources</b>	<p>“CIMM – Question Period Note - Use of AI in Decision-Making at IRCC – November 29, 2022” (last modified 28 March 2023)</p> <p>Canada, “Question Period Note: AI AND AUTOMATION FOR IMMIGRATION DECISIONS” (21 December 2023)</p> <p>Randolph Hahn, “The role of AI in the immigration space”, CILA (22 June 2023)</p> <p>Lucia Nalbandian, “Increasing the accountability of automated decision-making systems: An assessment of the automated decision-making system introduced in Canada's temporary resident visa immigration stream”, <i>Journal of Responsible Technology</i>, Volume 10 (2022)</p>
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	<p>Petra Molnar, “Migration Management Experiments and Reflections from the Ground Up”, EDRi; and the Refugee Law Lab (November 2020)</p> <p><i>Welcome Home Immigration Podcast, Episode 11</i>: “How Artificial Intelligence is Influencing the Canadian Immigration Application Process”, Mario Bellissimo in conversation with Chantal Desloges and Cathryn Sawicki (22 August 2023)</p> <p>Steven Meurrens, “Artificial Intelligence and Canadian Immigration” (14 January 2024)</p>
<b>Relevant Section</b>	<p>Chapter 1, Section IV (Key Actors and Institutions), addition of a new topic after H (Supreme Court of Canada): “Artificial Intelligence in Immigration decision making”</p>
<b>Link or text</b>	<p>CIMM: &lt;<a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/transparency/committees/cimm-nov-29-2022/question-period-note-use-ai-decision-making-ircc.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/transparency/committees/cimm-nov-29-2022/question-period-note-use-ai-decision-making-ircc.html</a>&gt;</p> <p>Canada, &lt; <a href="https://search.open.canada.ca/qpnotes/record/cic%2CIRCC-2024-QP-00023">https://search.open.canada.ca/qpnotes/record/cic%2CIRCC-2024-QP-00023</a>&gt;</p> <p>Hahn: &lt;<a href="https://cila.co/the-role-of-ai-in-the-immigration-space/">https://cila.co/the-role-of-ai-in-the-immigration-space/</a>&gt;</p> <p>Nalbandian: &lt;<a href="https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2666659621000160?via%3Dihub">https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2666659621000160?via%3Dihub</a>&gt;</p> <p>Molnar: &lt;<a href="https://edri.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Technological-Testing-Grounds.pdf">https://edri.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Technological-Testing-Grounds.pdf</a>&gt;</p> <p>Welcome Home Immigration Podcast: &lt;<a href="https://emond.ca/Podcasts/Welcome-Home--An-Immigration-Law-Podcast-(1)/August-2023/Episode-11---How-Artificial-Intelligence-is-Influe">https://emond.ca/Podcasts/Welcome-Home--An-Immigration-Law-Podcast-(1)/August-2023/Episode-11---How-Artificial-Intelligence-is-Influe</a>&gt;</p> <p>Meurrens: &lt; <a href="https://meurrensonimmigration.com/artificial-intelligence-and-canadian-immigration/#:~:text=The%20goal%20appears%20to%20be,approval%20of%20straight%2Dforward%20cases.&gt;">https://meurrensonimmigration.com/artificial-intelligence-and-canadian-immigration/#:~:text=The%20goal%20appears%20to%20be,approval%20of%20straight%2Dforward%20cases.&gt;</a>&gt;</p>
<b>Discussion</b>	<p>Artificial intelligence (AI) now has a significant role in Canada’s immigration system. It is important to understand the parameters of current uses as well as the ethical, procedural and human rights related concerns of current and prospective uses. A discussion about the use of AI in immigration decision making could be introduced in chapter 1, or could be addressed later, in relation to processing and decision making for specific immigration programs.</p>

## Chapter 2: Theoretical Perspectives on Migration

<b>New resource</b>	E. Tendayi Achiume, “Racial Borders” (2022) 110:3 <i>Georgetown LJ</i> 445
<b>Relevant Section</b>	Chapter 2, Section VI (Gender and Race), pp. 95-103.
<b>Link or text</b>	< <a href="https://www.law.georgetown.edu/georgetown-law-journal/in-print/volume-110/volume-110-issue-3-may-2022/racial-borders/">https://www.law.georgetown.edu/georgetown-law-journal/in-print/volume-110/volume-110-issue-3-may-2022/racial-borders/</a> >
<b>Discussion</b>	Achiume argues that contemporary national borders are inherently racial and that race itself may serve as part of the infrastructure of border control. Perhaps most useful to a course in immigration law, she provides a historical overview of the racial nature of migration control (455-464) and detailed exposition of the way that the control of migration and asylum is racially differentiated (464-480).

## Chapter 3: Administrative Review

<b>New resource</b>	<i>Canada (Citizenship and Immigration) v. Mason</i> , 2023 SCC 21
<b>Relevant Section</b>	Chapter 3, section IV.D.3 (Substantive Review of Questions of Statutory Interpretation), pp. 238-239 [ <i>Mason</i> is also relevant to Inadmissibility (Chapter 6, below).]
<b>Link or text</b>	< <a href="https://canlii.ca/t/k0c85">https://canlii.ca/t/k0c85</a> >

<b>Discussion</b>	<p><i>Mason</i> is a case from the immigration context in which Supreme Court majority affirms the framework from <i>Vavilov</i> for selecting the standard of review and strongly restates Court’s commitment, also from <i>Vavilov</i>, to the principle of responsive justification.</p> <p>The case concerned the interpretation of s. 34(1)(e) of the <i>Immigration and Refugee Protection Act</i>. At issue was whether that provision could be grounds for inadmissibility of two permanent residents charged with violent offences with no nexus to national security when those charges had been stayed or subject to a conditional discharge.</p> <p>The Immigration Appeal Division <a href="#">held</a> that s. 34(1)(e) could cover such circumstances. The Federal Court <a href="#">quashed</a> that decision (2019 FC 1251). The Federal Court of Appeal <a href="#">reversed</a>.</p> <p>The Court was unanimous in finding that the IAD’s interpretation of s. 34(1)(e) was unreasonable. Jamal J, writing for the majority at the Supreme Court, faulted the IAD for failing to engage with two arguments about statutory context and the consequences of its interpretation raised by Mr. Mason. The majority also held that the IAD unreasonably failed to consider that its interpretation would lead to violations of Canada’s obligation of <i>non-refoulement</i> under Article 33 of the <i>1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees</i>, even though that argument had not been raised before it. This was a rare case where there was only one reasonable interpretation, namely that s. 34(1)(e) requires a nexus to national security or the security of Canada.</p> <p>An interesting argument for correctness review in the case, filed by the intervener Canadian Association of Refugee Lawyers (CARL), can be found <a href="#">here</a>. CARL argued that the requirement of a certified question to pursue an appeal to the Federal Court of Appeal implies a legislative intent to have such questions dealt with on a correctness basis. The Supreme Court majority did not accept CARL’s argument. Jamal J found no basis for recognizing the proposed exception to reasonableness review. A concurring opinion by Côté J, on the other hand, found that a new category of correctness review was warranted for legal questions certified pursuant to s. 74(d) of the <a href="#">IRPA</a>.</p>
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<b>New resource</b>	<i>Pepa v. Canada (Citizenship and Immigration)</i> , 2025 SCC 21
<b>Relevant Section</b>	Chapter 3, section IV.D.3 (Substantive Review of Questions of Statutory Interpretation), pp. 238-239
<b>Link or text</b>	< <a href="https://canlii.ca/t/kcwlj">https://canlii.ca/t/kcwlj</a> >

<b>Discussion</b>	By a 7-2 majority, the SCC allowed Pepa’s appeal of her removal order and affirmed <i>Vavilov</i> ’s robust approach to responsive justification. The Court overturned the IAD’s decision because it relied on a prior interpretation of a predecessor provision and visa revocation caselaw (the question in <i>Pepa</i> concerned visa expiry) rather than doing its own analysis. The majority highlighted three justification failures by the IAD, namely the failure to: (i) justify the relevance of distinguishable precedents; (ii) explain how its proposed interpretation and approach were consistent with the text, context and purpose of the statute; and (iii) consider the personal and harsh impact of its decision on Ms. Pepa – including separation from her family for at least five years – and explain how the decision best reflects the legislature’s intention. The Court concluded that there was a single reasonable interpretation of the statutory provision and returned the matter to the IAD to hear the appeal on the merits with the right to appeal established.
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<b>New resource</b>	<i>Canadian Council for Refugees v. Canada (Citizenship and Immigration)</i> , 2023 SCC 17
<b>Relevant Section</b>	Chapter 3, section IV, subsection D.3 (Substantive Review of Questions of Statutory Interpretation), pp. 233-39 [ <i>CCR v Canada</i> is also relevant to Constitutional and International Parameters (Chapter 4, below) and Refugee Protection in Canada (chapter 10, below).]
<b>Link or text</b>	< <a href="https://canlii.ca/t/jxp04">https://canlii.ca/t/jxp04</a> >
<b>Discussion</b>	Among other holdings in this complex and important decision, Kasirer J., for a unanimous court, rejected a challenge that section 159.3 of the <i>Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations</i> – which designates the United States as a safe third country – is <i>ultra vires</i> given the criteria for designation in the <i>Immigration and Refugee Protection Act</i> . At para. 54, Kasirer J. reaffirmed that “[r]egulations benefit from a presumption of validity” from <i>Katz Group Canada Inc. v. Ontario (Health and Long-Term Care)</i> , 2013 SCC 64 at para. 25. This suggests that Vavilovian reasonableness review does not apply to the review of regulations, contrary to the Federal Court of Appeal decision in <a href="#">Portnov v. Canada (Attorney General)</a> , 2021 FCA 171.

## Chapter 4: Constitutional and International Parameters

<b>New resource</b>	<i>Canadian Council for Refugees v. Canada (Citizenship and Immigration)</i> , 2023 SCC 17
<b>Relevant Section</b>	Chapter 4, section II.B.2 (Section 7: Life, Liberty, and Security of the Person), pp. 253-295 [ <i>CCR v Canada</i> is also relevant to Administrative Review (Chapter 3, above) and Refugee Protection in Canada (Chapter 10, below).]
<b>Link or text</b>	< <a href="https://canlii.ca/t/jxp04">https://canlii.ca/t/jxp04</a> >
<b>Discussion</b>	<p>This is a lengthy ruling by the Supreme Court of Canada on the constitutionality of section 159.3 of the <i>Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations</i> and paragraph 101(1)(e) of the <i>Immigration and Refugee Protection Act</i>.</p> <p>Section 159.3 designates the United States as a safe country, in accordance with the <i>Safe Third Country Agreement</i>. Section 101(1)(e) makes most claimants entering Canada from the United States ineligible to claim refugee protection. The combined effect of the two provisions is that most claimants coming to Canada from the United States would be returned to that country. It was alleged returnees would face detention and possible <i>refoulement</i> as a result.</p> <p>Writing for the full Court, Kasirer J. touches on many of the issues raised by the cases and discussion in this subsection of the casebook on the application of section 7 of the <i>Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms</i> to the <i>Immigration and Refugee Protection Act</i> and its <i>Regulations</i>. We summarize the most important points below. (The next update summarizes the decision’s import for section 15 challenges.)</p> <p>The most broadly significant part of the decision comes in paragraphs 56 to 79, where Kasirer J. discusses how to apply section 7 to a complex legislative scheme like the <i>IRPA</i> and its <i>Regulations</i>. Kasirer J. focuses on the impact of provisions that might act as “safety valves” to the constitutional analysis (paras. 64-66). Such safety valves may either “prevent” or “cure” constitutional defects (paras. 67-68). An example of a preventative provision is s. 159.6 of the <i>Regulations</i>, which bars application of ineligibility under the Safe Third Country Agreement to persons who might face the death penalty in the United States. Examples of curative provisions include deferrals of removal (<i>IRPA</i>, s. 48(2)), temporary resident permits (<i>IRPA</i>, s. 24), and humanitarian and compassionate exemptions (<i>IRPA</i>, ss. 25-25.1). <i>Charter</i> challenges need not directly challenge preventative or curative provisions, but such provisions must be considered as part of the entire legislative scheme in the constitutional analysis (para. 69).</p>

Importantly, while Kasirer J. states that preventative provisions might rule out the engagement of section 7 rights, “curative provisions will rarely, if ever, preclude the engagement of s. 7” (para. 71). Curative provisions will instead generally be relevant when considering conformity with the principles of fundamental justice (para. 76). With these statements, Kasirer J. seems to resile from statements in *B010 v. Canada (Citizenship and Immigration)*, [2015 SCC 58](#) and *Febles v. Canada (Citizenship and Immigration)*, [2014 SCC 68](#) that cast doubt on whether section 7 might be engaged during hearings before the Refugee Protection Division. Instead, he suggests that, as in extradition law, section 7 may “permeate” the entire refugee protection process (para. 73). Later he states that, even if a legislative scheme is overall constitutionally acceptable, it will be open to individual claimants to challenge determinations of ineligibility to claim refugee protection on the basis that the decision, and the possible return to the United States or elsewhere, would “shock the conscience” of Canadians (paras. 121-22, 169). These statements of principle seem to have the potential to challenge conclusions reached by the lower courts disclaiming the applicability of section 7 not only with respect to certain refugee decisions, but also with respect to non-refugee decisions, such as *Revell v Canada (Citizenship and Immigration)*, 2019 FCA 262 (pp. 291-295 of the Casebook).

The remaining parts of Kasirer J.’s section 7 analysis are specific to the issues before the Court in this case.

Paragraphs 83 to 108 analyze whether section 7 is engaged by s. 101(1)(e) of the IRPA and the designation of the United States under s. 159.3 of the *Regulations*. The right to liberty is engaged by the risk of detention in the United States (para. 89). The right to security of the person is engaged by conditions of detention faced by some returnees (para. 90). Kasirer J. expressed reservations about the Federal Court judge’s finding that the risk of *refoulement* from the United States also engaged the right to security of the person, yet proceeded on the assumption that it did (paras. 97-108).

Paragraphs 118 to 164 analyze whether there was a violation of the principles of fundamental justice, specifically overbreadth and gross disproportionality. Kasirer J. relies on *Canada (Attorney General) v. Bedford*, [2013 SCC 72](#) for the idea that these are principles of instrumental rationality, whose application depends on the characterization of the purpose of the challenged legislation. He finds that the purpose of s. 159.3 of the *Regulations* is “to share responsibility for fairly considering refugee claims with the United States, in accordance with the principle of *non-refoulement*” (para. 139). In light of this purpose, Kasirer J. finds that for s. 159.3 of the *Regulations* to be overbroad, the rules for and conditions of detention in American system would have to be “fundamentally unfair” (para. 142). He finds that they are not (paras. 143-44). Similarly, the detention system in the United States does not meet the “high threshold” for a finding of gross disproportionality (para. 147). Finally, Kasirer J. found that the curative provisions in

	the <i>Immigration and Refugee Protection Act</i> provide sufficient safety valves to avoid violating the principles of fundamental justice based on the risk of <i>refoulement</i> from the United States (para. 163).
<b>New resources</b>	<i>Canadian Council for Refugees v. Canada (Citizenship and Immigration)</i> , 2023 SCC 17  Jamie Liew, Audrey Macklin & Josh Blum, Sharry Aiken & Colin Grey, Jackie Swaisland, ““Constitutional Cases 2024 (Pt 3A)   Immigration and Refugee Law and the Constitution” (2024). <i>Osgoode’s Annual Constitutional Cases Conference</i> . 18. [conference video]
<b>Relevant Section</b>	Chapter 4, section II.B.3 (Section 15: Equality Before the Law), pp. 295-304  [ <i>CCR v Canada</i> is also relevant to Administrative Review (Chapter 3, above) and Refugee Protection in Canada (Chapter 10, below).]
<b>Link or text</b>	CCR: < <a href="https://canlii.ca/t/jxp04">https://canlii.ca/t/jxp04</a> >  Jamie Liew et al: < <a href="https://digitalcommons.osgoode.yorku.ca/constitutional_cases/18/">https://digitalcommons.osgoode.yorku.ca/constitutional_cases/18/</a> >
<b>Discussion</b>	As noted above, this ruling by the Supreme Court of Canada addresses the constitutionality of section 159.3 of the <i>Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations</i> and paragraph 101(1)(e) of the <i>Immigration and Refugee Protection Act</i> . These provisions implement the <i>Safe Third Country Agreement</i> between Canada and the United States.  This update deals with his brief comments on section 15 of the <i>Charter</i> , the constitutional guarantee of equality rights.  The appellants argued at Federal Court that section 159.3 of the <i>Regulations</i> indirectly discriminated against refugee protection claimants alleging gender-based persecution. This indirect discrimination arose because of the principles applied by US officials to gender-based claims. Having found an unjustified violation of section 7, however, the Federal Court did not decide the section 15 issue. Nor did the Federal Court of Appeal analyze this issue in reversing the Federal Court’s decision.  Kasirer J. declined to make the factual findings necessary to resolve the section 15 challenge and remitted the matter to Federal Court. Kasirer J. said very little about this issue, other than a reference to the “novel legal arguments” the section 15 challenge would raise, “such as those relating to causation and equality rights in the international context” (para. 179).

	In the video resource, a panel of Canadian immigration law scholars and practitioners critique the Supreme Court’s decision in <i>CCR</i> and offer reflections on the Court’s section 7 and section 15 Charter analysis.
<b>New resource</b>	<i>Bjorkquist et al. v Attorney General of Canada</i> , 2023 ONSC 7152
<b>Relevant Section</b>	Chapter 4, section II.B.3 (Section 15: Equality Before the Law), pp. 295-304 [ <i>Bjorkquist</i> is also relevant to Citizenship (Chapter 11, below)]
<b>Link or text</b>	< <a href="https://canlii.ca/t/k1vdj">https://canlii.ca/t/k1vdj</a> >
<b>Discussion</b>	This was a successful Charter challenge to the “second-generation cut-off” rule in s. 3(3) (a) of the <i>Citizenship Act</i> , brought by a group of seven Canadian families. The Ontario Superior Court declared this provision unconstitutional on the basis that it violated both section 15 and section 6 of the Charter and was not justified under section 1. In January 2024, IRCC confirmed that the government would not appeal the Court ruling. <i>Bill C-71, An Act to amend the Citizenship Act (2024)</i> died when Parliament was prorogued for the federal election in March 2025 and an interim measure is currently in place for persons impacted by the first-generation limit. The <i>Bjorkquist</i> decision is notable for its recognition of intersectional discrimination. Akbarali J held that s. 3(3)(a) created a distinction based on national origin which impacted first-generation born abroad women differently or “more keenly” because they are women.

## Chapter 5: Entry and Border Control

<b>New resource</b>	<i>Canada v. Boloh 1(a)</i> , 2023 FCA 120
<b>Relevant Section</b>	Chapter 5, Section II.A (Right of Entry for Citizens) and Section II.B (The Passport), pp. 329-341

<b>Link or text</b>	< <a href="https://canlii.ca/t/jxg3p">https://canlii.ca/t/jxg3p</a> >
<b>Discussion</b>	<p><i>Boloh 1(a)</i> addresses the interpretation of section 6(1) of the <i>Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms</i>.</p> <p>Canadian citizens detained in Northeastern Syria successfully argued before the Federal Court that under section 6(1) of the <i>Charter</i>, the Canadian government had a positive duty to take steps to rescue them and return them to Canada. The Federal Court of Appeal reversed. Stratas J.A., writing for the Court, stated:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">[44] Can the Government of Canada voluntarily try, through diplomacy or other means, to help a citizen in distress abroad? Of course it can. But, as a matter of constitutional law, does it have to? Of course not. Subsection 6(1) of the <i>Charter</i>, the right to enter, remain in and leave Canada, is not a golden ticket for Canadian citizens abroad to force their government to take steps—even risky, dangerous steps—so they can escape the consequences of their actions.</p> <p>The case also contains extensive discussions of <i>United States of America v. Cotroni</i>, [1989] 1 S.C.R. 1469 and <i>Divito v. Canada (Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness)</i>, 2013 SCC 47, discussed in Section II.A of the casebook, and <i>Kamel v. Canada (Attorney General)</i>, 2008 FC 338 and <i>Abdelrazik v. Canada (Minister of Foreign Affairs)</i>, 2009 FC 580, discussed in Section II.B. An application for leave to appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada was dismissed in November 2023. Exceptionally, a motion for reconsideration of that application was filed in March 2024 and is still pending: <a href="#"><i>Boloh 1(a), et al. v. His Majesty the King, et al.</i></a></p>
<b>New resources</b>	<p>Alexandra Mae Jones, “Canada to reduce the number of international study permits by 35 per cent: Miller”, CTV News (22 January 2024; updated 31 January 2024)</p> <p>Leah Hamilton &amp; Yvonne Su, “International students cap falsely blames them for Canada’s housing and health-care woes”, <i>The Conversation</i> (25 January 2024)</p> <p>Regulatory Impact Analysis Statement, Canada Gazette, Part I, Volume 158, Number 26: Regulations Amending the Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations (Designated Learning Institutions), 29 June 2024</p> <p>CBIE, International Students in Canada Infographic (n.d.)</p>

	Canada, “2025 provincial and territorial allocations under the international student cap” (24 January 2025)
<b>Relevant Section</b>	Chapter 5, Section II. F (International Students), pp.358 -372 [insert at the end of Note 3, p. 364]
<b>Link or text</b>	Jones: < <a href="https://www.ctvnews.ca/politics/canada-to-reduce-the-number-of-international-study-permits-by-35-per-cent-miller-1.6736298">https://www.ctvnews.ca/politics/canada-to-reduce-the-number-of-international-study-permits-by-35-per-cent-miller-1.6736298</a> >  Hamilton & Su: < <a href="https://theconversation.com/international-students-cap-falsely-blames-them-for-canadas-housing-and-health-care-woes-221859">https://theconversation.com/international-students-cap-falsely-blames-them-for-canadas-housing-and-health-care-woes-221859</a> >  RIAS: < <a href="https://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2024/2024-06-29/html/reg1-eng.html">https://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2024/2024-06-29/html/reg1-eng.html</a> >  CBIE: < <a href="https://cbie.ca/media/facts-and-figures/international-students/">https://cbie.ca/media/facts-and-figures/international-students/</a> >  Canada: < <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/news/notices/2025-provincial-territorial-allocations-under-international-student-cap.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/news/notices/2025-provincial-territorial-allocations-under-international-student-cap.html</a> >
<b>Discussion</b>	In early 2024 the federal government announced a series of changes to the international student program as well as an annual cap on study permits in an effort to curb perceived abuses in the program and growing public concern that high numbers of international students exacerbate strains on local infrastructure and are contributing to a national housing crisis. While these views remain contested, the government has forged ahead with plans to significantly reduce intake and tighten the rules. The maximum intake cap for international students in 2024 will be 360,000. Financial eligibility related to proof-of-funds has more than doubled from \$10,000 to \$20,635 and starting in Fall 2024, international students will be restricted to a maximum of 24 hours of off-campus work per week. As well, there are new restrictions on open work permits for spouses (only Master’s, Doctoral and certain professional degree programs) and access to post-graduation work permits is more restrictive.

<b>New resources</b>	<p><i>Bill C-2: “An Act Respecting certain measures relating to the security of the border between Canada and the United States and respecting other related security measures,” First Reading, June 3, 2025 [The Strong Borders Act]</i></p> <p>Canada, “Additional Information about the Strong Borders Act” (17 June 2025)</p> <p>Carmine Starnino &amp; Wesley Wark, “A Misfire at Birth”: The Trouble with Canada’s So-Called Border Security Law”, <i>The Walrus</i> (31 July 2025)</p>
<b>Relevant Section</b>	Chapter 5, Section III.A (The Canadian Border and Securitization) – [Insert after Note 8. p. 385]
<b>Link or text</b>	<p>Bill C-2: &lt; <a href="https://www.parl.ca/Content/Bills/451/Government/C-2/C-2_1/C-2_1.PDF">https://www.parl.ca/Content/Bills/451/Government/C-2/C-2_1/C-2_1.PDF</a>&gt;; and</p> <p>&lt;<a href="https://www.parl.ca/LegisInfo/en/bill/45-1/c-2">https://www.parl.ca/LegisInfo/en/bill/45-1/c-2</a>&gt;</p> <p>Canada: &lt;<a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/news/notices/additional-information-strong-borders-act.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/news/notices/additional-information-strong-borders-act.html</a>&gt;</p> <p>Starnino &amp; Wark: &lt; <a href="https://thewalrus.ca/border-security-law/">https://thewalrus.ca/border-security-law/</a>&gt;</p>
<b>Discussion</b>	<p>This new omnibus bill proposes to amend a broad range of existing federal laws, including new measures aimed at enhancing border security, law enforcement, cross-border data sharing and surveillance. Significantly extending prior securitization efforts, Bill C-2 aligns with wider Western policies aimed at restricting irregular migration and fortifying national borders. Wark characterizes the bill, in part, as a “misfire at birth”, intended to appease the United States.</p>

## Chapter 6: Inadmissibility

<b>New resource</b>	<i>Mason v. Canada (Citizenship and Immigration)</i> , 2023 SCC 21
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<b>Relevant Section</b>	Chapter 6 section III, 2 (Danger to the security of Canada), p. 426 [insert after consideration of <i>Re Zundel</i> ]
<b>Link or text</b>	< <a href="https://canlii.ca/t/k0c85">https://canlii.ca/t/k0c85</a> >
<b>Discussion</b>	<p><i>Mason</i> concerns the interpretation of s. 34(1)(e) of the <i>Immigration and Refugee Protection Act</i>. At issue was whether that provision could be grounds for inadmissibility of two permanent residents charged for violent offences with no nexus to national security and in the absence of conviction (ie when the charges are dropped, stayed or otherwise discharged).</p> <p>The IAD held s. 34(1)(e) could cover such circumstances. The Federal Court <a href="#">quashed</a> that decision [2019 FC 1251]. The Federal Court of Appeal reversed, endorsing an expansive view of the scope of s. 34 (1)(e) [<i>Canada (Citizenship and Immigration) v. Mason</i>, 2021 FCA 156]. The <a href="#">Factums on Appeal</a>, submitted in relation to the appeal before the Supreme Court offer valuable supplementary reading. The Supreme Court confirmed that inadmissibility under s. 34(1)(e) of the <i>IRPA</i> requires a nexus between the relevant act of violence and with national security or the security of Canada [<a href="#">2023 SCC 21</a>].</p>
<b>New resources</b>	Amendments to section 35 of the IRPA – Human or International rights violations + Legislative Summary of Bill S-204: An Act to amend the Criminal Code and the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (trafficking in human organs) + Legislative Summary of Bill S-8: An Act to Amend the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act
<b>Relevant Section</b>	Chapter 6, Section III.B (Crimes against Humanity), p. 442: replace title “Crimes against Humanity” with “International Rights Violations”; and replace the final clause of the first sentence under this heading [“and persons whose entry or stay is restricted pursuant to a decision of an international organization of which Canada is a member (s 35(1)(c))” ] with the following clause: “and persons whose entry or stay is prohibited on grounds that they have engaged in any activities relating to the trafficking in human organs (s.35(1)(c.1) or on grounds of sanctions (s.35.1(1)(a), (b) and (c).
<b>Link or text</b>	IRPA < <a href="https://laws.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/i-2.5/page-6.html#docCont">https://laws.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/i-2.5/page-6.html#docCont</a> >

	<p>Bill S-204 &lt;<a href="https://lop.parl.ca/sites/PublicWebsite/default/en_CA/ResearchPublications/LegislativeSummaries/432S204E">https://lop.parl.ca/sites/PublicWebsite/default/en_CA/ResearchPublications/LegislativeSummaries/432S204E</a>&gt;            Bill S-8 &lt;<a href="https://lop.parl.ca/staticfiles/PublicWebsite/Home/ResearchPublications/LegislativeSummaries/PDF/44-1/44-1-S8-E.pdf">https://lop.parl.ca/staticfiles/PublicWebsite/Home/ResearchPublications/LegislativeSummaries/PDF/44-1/44-1-S8-E.pdf</a>&gt;</p>
<b>Discussion</b>	<p>Important amendments to the IRPA adding new, distinct grounds of inadmissibility and repealing the former, more general ground concerning decisions of international organizations of which Canada is a member. The first, pursuant to Bill S-204, is aligned with the 2022 amendments to the <i>Criminal Code</i> creating the new offence of trafficking in human organs. The second broadens the scope of inadmissibility based on sanctions. These new grounds of inadmissibility are not covered in the casebook at this time, but it is important to be aware of them, along with the consequential amendments to the IRPR, the <i>Citizenship Act</i> and the <i>Emergencies Act</i> (see the Legislative Summaries noted above for more information).</p>

<b>New resource</b>	<i>Canada (Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness) v. Gaytan</i> , 2021 FCA 163
<b>Relevant Section</b>	Chapter 6, Section III.D (Defences to Inadmissibility), pp. 487-492 [replace FC decision with FCA decision]
<b>Link or text</b>	< <a href="https://canlii.ca/t/jhf4b">https://canlii.ca/t/jhf4b</a> >
<b>Discussion</b>	The Federal Court of Appeal upheld the Federal Court’s finding that the ID and IAD are entitled to consider the defence of duress in inadmissibility proceedings.

<b>New resources</b>	<p>Government of Canada, “Excessive demand on health services and on social services” (May 19, 2023)            HIV Legal Network, “Statement” (April 22, 2024)</p>
<b>Relevant Section</b>	Chapter 6, Section III.E (Health Grounds), p. 500

<b>Link or text</b>	<p>Canada: &lt;<a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/publications-manuals/operational-bulletins-manuals/standard-requirements/medical-requirements/refusals-inadmissibility/excessive-demand-on-health-social-services.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/publications-manuals/operational-bulletins-manuals/standard-requirements/medical-requirements/refusals-inadmissibility/excessive-demand-on-health-social-services.html</a>&gt;</p> <p>HIV Legal Network: &lt;<a href="https://paninbc.ca/2024/04/22/hiv-legal-network-is-challenging-the-constitutionality-of-canadas-excessive-demand-regime-in-federal-court/">https://paninbc.ca/2024/04/22/hiv-legal-network-is-challenging-the-constitutionality-of-canadas-excessive-demand-regime-in-federal-court/</a>&gt;</p>
<b>Discussion</b>	<p>The reforms, first introduced via the <i>Temporary Public Policy regarding Excessive Demand on Health and Social Services</i>, were implemented on a permanent basis in 2022. In addition to the reforms noted on p. 500 (seventh line from bottom of page), IRCC has eliminated the 10-year time period from excessive demand calculations. The five-year time period is now universally applied. A constitutional challenge of the “excessive demand” regime is currently pending before Federal Court.</p>

## Chapter 7: The Removal Process

<b>New resource</b>	<p>Regulations Amending the Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations: SOR/2024-11, February 2, 2024</p>
<b>Relevant Section</b>	<p>Chapter 7, Section II A (Types of Removal Orders and their Consequences), p. 526 – add sentence to footnote 19: Amendments to the IRPR in 2024 now stipulate that immigration documents, specifically: eTAs, TRVs, and TRPs, are automatically cancelled whenever a removal order is issued against an inadmissible foreign national. The existing IRPR provisions relating to the automatic cancellation of work permits and study permits when a removal order becomes enforceable have been retained.</p>
<b>Link or text</b>	<p>&lt;<a href="https://gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p2/2024/2024-02-14/html/sor-dors11-eng.html">https://gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p2/2024/2024-02-14/html/sor-dors11-eng.html</a>&gt;</p>
<b>Discussion</b>	<p>The amendment is intended to “streamline internal processes... and improve consistency of application with respect to the cancellation of immigration documents when a removal order has been issued.” [see RIAS, as cited above]</p>

<b>New resources</b>	Immigration Appeal Division Rules, 2022 (SOR/2022-277), came into force January 16, 2023  Immigration Appeal Division Rules and Regulatory Impact Analysis Statement (RIAS), Canada Gazette, Part II, Volume 157, Number 1 (15 December 2022)
<b>Relevant Section</b>	Chapter 7, Section III “Appealing a Removal Order”, p. 534 – add sentence after discussion of the factors considered to stay a removal order: The IAD’s new Rules, implemented in January 2023 (updating the 2002 Rules), establish the procedural rules governing appeals. Key changes include time limit reductions aimed at streamlining the appeal process and avoiding delays; simplified, more accessible language as well as and provisions for electronic submission.
<b>Link or text</b>	IAD Rules: < <a href="https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-2022-277/index.html">https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-2022-277/index.html</a> >  RIAS: < <a href="https://gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p2/2023/2023-01-04/html/sor-dors277-eng.html">https://gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p2/2023/2023-01-04/html/sor-dors277-eng.html</a> >
<b>Discussion</b>	[see RIAS, as cited above]

<b>New resource</b>	<i>Chairperson Guideline 2: Detention</i> (April 2021)
<b>Relevant Section</b>	Chapter 7, Section VIII (Detention and Detention Review), p. 589, footnote 113, and p. 610 [Notes after <i>Brown v Canada</i> ].
<b>Link or text</b>	< <a href="https://irb.gc.ca/en/legal-policy/policies/Pages/GuideDir02.aspx">https://irb.gc.ca/en/legal-policy/policies/Pages/GuideDir02.aspx</a> >
<b>Discussion</b>	Guideline 2 was amended in 2021 to account for the Federal Court of Appeal’s decision in <i>Brown v. Canada (Citizenship and Immigration)</i> , 2020 FCA 130 [see below] as well as feedback received through national consultations. The IRB’s website has a helpful summary of the key revisions, confirming that Guideline 2 was amended in the following ways: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To clarify that there must be a nexus to an immigration purpose for detention to continue.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To reinforce the Division’s obligation to consider sections 7, 9 and 12 of the <i>Charter</i> in exercising its discretion concerning whether or not detention is warranted.</li> <li>• To confirm that consideration of conditions of detention is an extension of the <i>Charter</i> jurisdiction of the Immigration Division (ID).</li> <li>• To reinforce that the Minister has the legal burden to establish that detention is lawfully justified and that this burden remains with the Minister throughout the detainee’s period of detention.</li> <li>• To reinforce that the Division must decide afresh whether continued detention is warranted at each detention review.</li> <li>• To recognize that there is no obligation on the person concerned to lead fresh evidence between detention reviews for the ID to reach a different result.</li> <li>• To clarify that the Minister must disclose all relevant information in advance of the hearing and in a timely manner.</li> <li>• To clarify that the potential for self-harm should not be a basis for a finding that the person concerned constitutes a danger to the public.</li> <li>• To adjust the <i>Guideline</i>’s section on minors to reflect the codification of best interest of the child considerations in the <i>Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations</i>.</li> <li>• To outline considerations to be taken into account when determining whether a person concerned is unable to appreciate the nature of the proceedings.</li> <li>• To clarify that a detention review should generally be concluded on the same day that it begins.</li> </ul> <p>[See “Publication of the revised Chairperson’s Guideline 2: Detention”, online: <i>Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada</i> &lt;<a href="https://irb.gc.ca/en/news/2021/Pages/revised-chairperson-guideline-2.aspx">https://irb.gc.ca/en/news/2021/Pages/revised-chairperson-guideline-2.aspx</a>&gt;.</p>
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<b>New resource</b>	Annual Detention Statistics—2012–2025
<b>Relevant Section</b>	Chapter 7, Section VIII (Detention and Detention Review), p. 603
<b>Link or text</b>	< <a href="https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/security-securite/detent/stat-2012-2025-eng.html">https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/security-securite/detent/stat-2012-2025-eng.html</a> >

<b>Discussion</b>	An update to include reference to more recent detention statistics. The reference in the last paragraph on this page “...to a high of 8,781 in 2018-19” should be replaced with “... to a high of 8,825 in 2019-20,” as indicated in the updated report.
<b>New resources</b>	<p>Human Rights Watch, “Canada: All 10 Provinces to End Immigration Detention in Jails” (21 March 2024)</p> <p>Dale Smith, “Concerns raised about immigration detention provisions in federal budget bill”, <i>CBA National Magazine</i> (11 June 2024)</p> <p>CBSA, “CBSA’s designated immigrant station for high-risk detainees now operational in Sainte-Anne-des-Plaines”, News Release (30 July 2025)</p> <p>Public Safety Canada, “Legislation to create enhanced independent review body for the RCMP and the CBSA receives Royal Assent”, News Release (1 November 2024)</p>
<b>Relevant Section</b>	Chapter 7, Section VIII (Detention and Detention Review), p. 603 (bottom of page)
<b>Link or text</b>	<p>HRW: &lt;<a href="https://www.hrw.org/news/2024/03/21/canada-all-10-provinces-end-immigration-detention-jails">https://www.hrw.org/news/2024/03/21/canada-all-10-provinces-end-immigration-detention-jails</a>&gt;</p> <p>Smith: &lt;<a href="https://www.nationalmagazine.ca/en-ca/articles/law/in-depth/2024/concerns-raised-about-immigration-detention-provisions-in-federal-budget-bill">https://www.nationalmagazine.ca/en-ca/articles/law/in-depth/2024/concerns-raised-about-immigration-detention-provisions-in-federal-budget-bill</a>&gt;</p> <p>CBSA:&lt;<a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/border-services-agency/news/2025/07/cbsas-designated-immigrant-station-for-high-risk-detainees-now-operational-in-sainte-anne-des-plaines.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/border-services-agency/news/2025/07/cbsas-designated-immigrant-station-for-high-risk-detainees-now-operational-in-sainte-anne-des-plaines.html</a>&gt;</p>
<b>Discussion</b>	An important update concerning the longstanding practice of detaining non-citizens in maximum-security provincial jails. Implementation of “immigrant stations” in federal prisons for high-risk detainees – a plan introduced in the federal government’s 2024 budget implementation bill, is underway. The first-ever independent review body for

	complaints about CBSA’s employees and level of service is finally being established, pursuant to <i>Bill C-20</i> (which received royal assent in October 2024).
<b>New resource</b>	<i>Brown v. Canada (Citizenship and Immigration)</i> , 2020 FCA 130
<b>Relevant Section</b>	Chapter 7, Section VIII (Detention and Detention Review), pp. 605-609 [replace FC decision with FCA decision]
<b>Link or text</b>	< <a href="https://canlii.ca/t/j93cf">https://canlii.ca/t/j93cf</a> >
<b>Discussion</b>	<p>The Federal Court in this case certified the following question:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Does the <i>Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms</i> ... impose a requirement that detention for immigration purposes not exceed a prescribed period of time, after which it is presumptively unconstitutional, or a maximum period, after which release is mandatory? (see p. 610 (note 1) of the casebook).</p> <p>The Federal Court of Appeal answered the question in the negative. At the same time, the Court clarified disclosure obligations owed to the detainee, stating that “[a]ll relevant information must be disclosed” and not just “information on which the Minister intends to rely” (para. 142).</p>

## Chapter 8: Economic Class

<b>New resource</b>	The National Occupation Classification (NOC)
<b>Relevant Section</b>	Chapter 8, Section III.C (Tools), p. 630

<b>Link or text</b>	< <a href="https://noc.esdc.gc.ca">https://noc.esdc.gc.ca</a> >														
<b>Discussion</b>	<p>The NOC was substantially updated in 2021 and implemented in November 2022. It now contains 516 occupations (an increase from 500 in the NOC 2016). The former skill types and levels in the NOC 2016 have been replaced with Training, Education, Experience and Responsibilities (TEER) categories. The new terminology is intended to be more precise, tracking the level of training, of formal education, of experience required to gain entry into each occupation, and the responsibilities associated to it.</p> <p>The second major change revolves around the number of TEER categories. In the new NOC structure, there are six TEER categories, up from the four skill levels in the NOC 2016.</p> <p>Another major change is the structural move from a four-tiered to a five-tiered classification system. NOC codes changed from a 4-digit format to a new 5-digit format.</p> <p>Previously, in order to be eligible for the vast majority of economic classes, an applicant required work experience that fell under NOC skill types 0, A, or B. After the switch, most economic class programs require TEER category 0, 1, 2 or 3.</p> <p>The following table* shows how NOC 2016 skill types compare to TEER categories in NOC 2021:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr style="background-color: #e1f5fe;"> <th style="text-align: left;">NOC 2016</th> <th style="text-align: left;">NOC 2021</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Skill Type 0</td> <td>TEER 0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Skill Level A</td> <td>TEER 1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Skill Level B</td> <td>TEER 2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Skill Level B</td> <td>TEER 3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Skill Level C</td> <td>TEER 4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Skill Level D</td> <td>TEER 5</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	NOC 2016	NOC 2021	Skill Type 0	TEER 0	Skill Level A	TEER 1	Skill Level B	TEER 2	Skill Level B	TEER 3	Skill Level C	TEER 4	Skill Level D	TEER 5
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	<p>* The source for this table is: Shelby Thevenot, “How NOC changes affect Express Entry candidates”, CIC News, August 2, 2022; and see “Find your National Occupational Classification (NOC)”, online: &lt;<a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/express-entry/eligibility/find-national-occupation-code.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/express-entry/eligibility/find-national-occupation-code.html</a>&gt;</p>
<b>New resources</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. “<i>Ministerial Instructions respecting the Express Entry system – current</i>” (25 March 2025)</li> <li>2. Canada, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, “<i>Express Entry</i>” (3 February 2025)</li> <li>3. Bethany Lindsay et al, “Federal government to remove incentive for foreign workers to reduce fraud in immigration system” (CBC/IJF, 20 December 2024)</li> <li>4. “<i>Ministerial instructions respecting invitations to apply for permanent residence under the Express Entry system</i>” (8 April 2025)</li> </ol>
<b>Relevant Section</b>	<p>Chapter 8, Section III D “Express Entry”, Table 8.3 and Note 34 (p. 636)</p>
<b>Link or text</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. &lt;<a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/mandate/policies-operational-instructions-agreements/ministerial-instructions/express-entry-application-management-system/current.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/mandate/policies-operational-instructions-agreements/ministerial-instructions/express-entry-application-management-system/current.html</a>&gt;</li> <li>2. &lt;<a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/express-entry.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/express-entry.html</a>&gt;</li> <li>3. Lindsay: &lt; <a href="https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/lmia-points-removed-1.7415467">https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/lmia-points-removed-1.7415467</a>&gt;</li> <li>4. &lt;<a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/mandate/policies-operational-instructions-agreements/ministerial-instructions/express-entry-rounds.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/mandate/policies-operational-instructions-agreements/ministerial-instructions/express-entry-rounds.html</a>&gt;</li> </ol>
<b>Discussion</b>	<p>Current requirements in relation to Express Entry and a table that lists all the Express Entry rounds to date.</p>

<b>New resource</b>	Julie Resetarits, “Category-based Invitations: Towards an Express Entry Revolution?” (June 6, 2023)
<b>Relevant Section</b>	Chapter 8, Section III D. “Express Entry” (pp. 633-650)
<b>Link or text</b>	< <a href="https://www.mccarthy.ca/en/insights/blogs/spotlight-can-asia/category-based-invitations-towards-express-entry-revolution">https://www.mccarthy.ca/en/insights/blogs/spotlight-can-asia/category-based-invitations-towards-express-entry-revolution</a> >
<b>Discussion &amp; Additional Resources</b>	<p>Launch of new category-based invitation rounds for candidates with French language ability or those working in fields affected by labour shortages. A significant development, aiming to address critical shortages in a defined list of occupations and fields. For 2025, there are five designated fields:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Healthcare &amp; social services</li><li>• science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) professions</li><li>• trades, such as carpenters, plumbers and contractors</li><li>• agriculture and agri-food</li><li>• education</li></ul> <p>The following related resources provide additional information and context:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. For an overview of all three types of rounds of invitation, see: Government of Canada, Express Entry rounds of invitations”, online: &lt; <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/express-entry/submit-profile/rounds-invitations.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/express-entry/submit-profile/rounds-invitations.html</a>&gt;.</li><li>2. Amendments to the IRPA were required to launch the new category-based invitation rounds. The amendments were included in the budget bill in 2022: &lt; <a href="https://www.parl.ca/legisinfo/en/bill/44-1/c-19">https://www.parl.ca/legisinfo/en/bill/44-1/c-19</a>&gt;.</li><li>3. For more information on category-based invitation rounds, see: Government of Canada, And, “Canada launches new process to welcome skilled newcomers with work experience in priority jobs as permanent residents”, News Release, May 31, 2023 &lt; <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/news/2023/05/canada-launches-new-process-to-welcome-skilled-newcomers-with-work-experience-in-priority-jobs-as-permanent-residents.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/news/2023/05/canada-launches-new-process-to-welcome-skilled-newcomers-with-work-experience-in-priority-jobs-as-permanent-residents.html</a>&gt;; and “Express Entry rounds of invitations: Category-based selection” &lt;</li></ol>

	<p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/express-entry/submit-profile/rounds-invitations/category-based-selection.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/express-entry/submit-profile/rounds-invitations/category-based-selection.html</a>&gt;.</p> <p>4. For a sample backgrounder on one of the specific fields targeted for the category-based invitation rounds, see: “Category-based selection -Health workers: &lt; <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/news/2023/06/category-based-selection--health-workers.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/news/2023/06/category-based-selection--health-workers.html</a>&gt;.</p> <p>5. A STEM-specific draw is a key plank of a new “Tech Talent Strategy”. See, “Minister Fraser launches Canada’s first-ever Tech Talent Strategy at Collision 2023”, News Release, June 27, 2023 &lt;<a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/news/2023/06/minister-fraser-launches-canadas-first-ever-tech-talent-strategy-at-collision-2023.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/news/2023/06/minister-fraser-launches-canadas-first-ever-tech-talent-strategy-at-collision-2023.html</a>&gt;.</p>
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<b>New resources</b>	<p>“Atlantic Immigration Program (AIP)” (last modified 4 April 2025)  “Rural Community Immigration Pilot (RCIP)” (last modified 5 June 2025)  “Francophone Community Immigration Pilot (FCIP)” (last modified 5 June 2025)</p>
<b>Relevant Section</b>	Chapter 8, III Economic Class Permanent Residents <insert between H (Provincial Nominee Programs) and I (Quebec’s Economic Immigration Programs)>
<b>Link or text</b>	<p>AIP: &lt;<a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/atlantic-immigration.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/atlantic-immigration.html</a>&gt;</p> <p>RCIP: &lt; <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/rural-franco-pilots/rural-immigration.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/rural-franco-pilots/rural-immigration.html</a>&gt;</p> <p>FCIP: &lt; <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/rural-franco-pilots/franco-immigration.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/rural-franco-pilots/franco-immigration.html</a>&gt;</p>
<b>Discussion</b>	The AIP is a federal, employer-driven immigration program that aims to help employers recruit skilled foreign workers and international graduates to meet labour market needs in the Atlantic region (New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island).

	<p>The RCIP is a federal program designed to address specific economic and demographic challenges in 14 smaller communities across Canada; the FCIP offers permanent residence to skilled workers who want to work and settle in six participating rural/remote Francophone-minority communities.</p>
<p><b>New resources</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Canada, “Home Child Care Provider Pilot and Home Support Worker Pilot: Assessing the application against selection criteria” (last modified 24 June 2024)</li> <li>2. Canada, “Immigrate through the Home Care Worker Immigration pilots” (14 April 2025)</li> <li>3. NOC 44100 – Home child care providers – cares for children under the age of 18 NOC 44101 – Home support workers, caregivers and related occupations - provides personal care and companionship for seniors, persons with disabilities and convalescent clients</li> <li>4. IRCC, “Canada announces new pilot programs to support caregivers and Canadian families, intends to make the caregivers program permanent” News Release (31 March 2025)</li> <li>5. Canada, “Work Temporarily as a caregiver” (27 May 2025)</li> </ol>
<p><b>Relevant Section</b></p>	<p>Chapter 8, III K. Caregivers, pp. 687-688</p>
<p><b>Link or text</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Canada: &lt;<a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/publications-manuals/operational-bulletins-manuals/permanent-residence/economic-classes/pathways-for-caregivers/child-care-provider-support-pilots/assessing-application-selection-criteria.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/publications-manuals/operational-bulletins-manuals/permanent-residence/economic-classes/pathways-for-caregivers/child-care-provider-support-pilots/assessing-application-selection-criteria.html</a>&gt;</li> <li>2. Canada: &lt;<a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/caregivers/home-care-worker-immigration-pilots/child-care-home-support.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/caregivers/home-care-worker-immigration-pilots/child-care-home-support.html</a>&gt;</li> <li>3. NOC codes: &lt;<a href="https://noc.esdc.gc.ca/?GoCTemplateCulture=en-CA">https://noc.esdc.gc.ca/?GoCTemplateCulture=en-CA</a>&gt;</li> <li>4. IRCC: &lt;<a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/news/2024/06/canada-announces-new-pilot-programs-to-support-caregivers-and-canadian-families.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/news/2024/06/canada-announces-new-pilot-programs-to-support-caregivers-and-canadian-families.html</a>&gt;</li> </ol>

	5.Canada: < <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/caregivers/work-temporarily-caregiver.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/caregivers/work-temporarily-caregiver.html</a> >
<b>Discussion</b>	In 2023, the <a href="#">Ministerial Instructions (MIs) were amended</a> , reducing the amount of qualifying work experience required from 24 months to 12 months. Qualifying work experience was defined as one year of full-time, paid work in Canada as either Home childcare provider or a Home support worker (could not be a mix of both jobs). Updated codes for these two occupations were included in the NOC 2021. The caregiver program was launched as a five-year pilot. The program closed on June 17, 2024. Earlier the same month the government announced new, enhanced pilot programs that provide caregivers with permanent residence on arrival, eliminating the requirement for caregivers to attain at least 12 months of Canadian work as a precondition for permanent residence. It is also possible to work as a caregiver through the Temporary Foreign Worker Program.

<b>New resources</b>	<p>Darren Major, “Federal government aiming to shrink temporary residents' share of population by 2027” CBC News online (21 March 2024)</p> <p>Globe Newswire, “The Conference Board of Canada: Aggressive Immigration Policy to Slow Growth”, <i>Financial Post</i> (6 December 2024)</p> <p><i>Act Now: Solutions for Temporary and Migrant Labour in Canada</i>, Report of the Senate Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology (May 2024)</p> <p>Nick Murray, “UN report on Canada's temporary foreign workers details the many ways they've been abused”, CBC News (14 August 2024)</p> <p>Danièle Bélanger <i>et al</i>, “Emergency Exit or Dead End? An Analysis of the Impacts of the Open Work Permit for Vulnerable Workers in Canada” (November 2024)</p> <p>Amnesty International, “‘Canada has Destroyed Me’: Labour Exploitation of Migrant Workers in Canada” (30 January 2025)</p>
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<b>Relevant Section</b>	Chapter 8, Section IV (Temporary Workers), p. 713 [insert after Note 6]
<b>Link or text</b>	<p>Major: &lt;<a href="https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/canada-targets-decrease-temporary-residents-population-1.7151107">https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/canada-targets-decrease-temporary-residents-population-1.7151107</a>&gt;</p> <p>Globe Newswire: &lt;<a href="https://financialpost.com/globe-newswire/the-conference-board-of-canada-aggressive-immigration-policy-to-slow-growth">https://financialpost.com/globe-newswire/the-conference-board-of-canada-aggressive-immigration-policy-to-slow-growth</a>&gt;</p> <p>Senate Report:&lt;<a href="https://sencanada.ca/content/sen/committee/441/SOCI/reports/2024-05-17_SOCI_Migrant_Report_e.pdf">https://sencanada.ca/content/sen/committee/441/SOCI/reports/2024-05-17_SOCI_Migrant_Report_e.pdf</a>&gt;</p> <p>Murray:&lt; <a href="https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/un-report-abuse-temporary-foreign-workers-canada-1.7293495">https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/un-report-abuse-temporary-foreign-workers-canada-1.7293495</a>&gt;</p> <p>Bélanger <i>et al</i>: &lt;<a href="https://mwcbc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/EN-Emergency-Exit-or-Dead-End-Digital.pdf">https://mwcbc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/EN-Emergency-Exit-or-Dead-End-Digital.pdf</a>&gt;</p> <p>Amnesty International: &lt; <a href="https://amnesty.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/AMR_20_8872_2025-EN.pdf">https://amnesty.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/AMR_20_8872_2025-EN.pdf</a>&gt;</p>
<b>Discussion</b>	<p>Concerns have been growing about Canada’s temporary worker programs in recent years. In March 2024, the federal government announced a commitment to reduce the annual visa target for temporary workers by 19% within three years and set a new cap on temporary migration. In a study published in late 2024, the Conference Board of Canada described the government’s steep cuts to non-permanent resident admissions as a “hasty course correction” that will exacerbate labour shortages. Meanwhile, a Senate Standing Committee report has concluded that Canada’s migrant labour infrastructure is failing migrant workers and “could work better” for employers; a UN report suggested that Canada’s temporary foreign worker program is a “breeding ground for modern slavery” while an Amnesty International study concluded that despite recent changes to the program, labourers in the TFWP remain vulnerable to abuse and discrimination. A recent report (Bélanger <i>et al</i>) highlights the ongoing challenges faced by workers navigating the Vulnerable Workers Open Work Permit (VWOWP) program.</p>
<b>New resources</b>	Benjamin Grubner, “IRCC Announces New Changes for Intra-Company Transferee Work Permits” (15 January 2025)

<b>Relevant Section</b>	Chapter 8, Section IV Temporary Workers, C. When a Work Permit is Required (2. Work Permits in the International Mobility Program), p. 715 [insert a note after reference to “intra-company transferees”]
<b>Link or text</b>	< <a href="https://devrylaw.ca/ircc-announces-new-changes-for-intra-company-transferee-work-permits/">https://devrylaw.ca/ircc-announces-new-changes-for-intra-company-transferee-work-permits/</a> >
<b>Discussion</b>	In October 2024, IRCC announced a <a href="#">Program Delivery Update</a> which included significant reforms to the <a href="#">Intra-Company Transfer (ICT)</a> work permit category under the International Mobility Program. The ICT program allows multinational companies to transfer key employees to their Canadian branches. The recent updates refine the eligibility criteria and make it more difficult for foreign employers to move their workers to Canada.

## Chapter 9: Family Class

<b>New resource</b>	Government of Canada, “Countries with suspensions or restrictions on international adoptions” (last modified 8 August 2025)
<b>Relevant Section</b>	Chapter 9, Section D, 1. Non-Biological Parents and Children, p. 833
<b>Link or text</b>	< <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/canadians/adopt-child-abroad/restrictions.html#">https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/canadians/adopt-child-abroad/restrictions.html#</a> >
<b>Discussion</b>	In addition to the factors immigration officers are directed to consider in relation to international adoptions, a sponsorship application will not be approved if the child’s country of origin is included in IRCC’s list of countries with suspensions or restrictions on international adoptions.

<b>New resource</b>	Government of Canada, “Sponsor your parents and grandparents”
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<b>Relevant Section</b>	Chapter 9, Section III E. “Parents and Grandparents” (pp. 838-841)
<b>Link or text</b>	< <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/family-sponsorship/sponsor-parents-grandparents.html#">https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/family-sponsorship/sponsor-parents-grandparents.html#</a> >
<b>Discussion</b>	For 2025 IRCC set a target of 10,000 completed applications. The Parent and Grandparents Program (PGP) was reopened on July 28, 2025, for a two-week period. 17,860 individual sponsors were randomly selected and sent invitations to apply and have until October 9, 2025 to submit their applications. This was the fifth consecutive year that the PGP was limited to profiles from the 2020 pool, adopting a lottery-based system.

## Chapter 10: Refugee Protection in Canada

<b>New resources</b>	<p>Amendment to the Safe Third Country Agreement provisions</p> <p><i>Bill C-2, Strong Borders Act</i> [see Chapter 5, above]</p> <p>Sharry Aiken, Claire Ellis &amp; Anna Triandafyllidou, “Unpacking Canada’s Strong Borders Act: What Bill C-2 Means for Refugees in Canada”, <i>Borders &amp; Belonging: In Conversation</i>, TMU/CERIS (15 July 2025)</p> <p>Sean Rehaag, Petra Molnar &amp; Simon Wallace, “Refugee Law Lab Consultation Report on Bill C-2” (24 July 2025)</p>
<b>Relevant Section</b>	Chapter 10, Section III.B (The Safe Third Country Agreement and Other Canadian Policies), pp. 909-915 [see esp. bottom of p. 914 & 915]
<b>Link or text</b>	<p><i>Regulations Amending the Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations (Examination of Eligibility to Refer Claim)</i>, SOR/2023-58 &lt;<a href="https://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p2/2023/2023-04-12/html/sor-dors58-eng.html">https://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p2/2023/2023-04-12/html/sor-dors58-eng.html</a>&gt;</p> <p>Bill C-2: &lt;<a href="https://www.parl.ca/LegisInfo/en/bill/45-1/c-2">https://www.parl.ca/LegisInfo/en/bill/45-1/c-2</a>&gt;</p> <p>Aiken <i>et al</i>: &lt;<a href="https://www.torontomu.ca/cerc-migration/borders-and-belonging/#!/tab-1752595723319-ep--2">https://www.torontomu.ca/cerc-migration/borders-and-belonging/#!/tab-1752595723319-ep--2</a>&gt;</p>

	Rehaag <i>et al.</i> : < <a href="https://digitalcommons.osgoode.yorku.ca/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1257&amp;context=reports">https://digitalcommons.osgoode.yorku.ca/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1257&amp;context=reports</a> >
<b>Discussion</b>	Section 159.4 of the <i>Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations</i> was amended so that the <i>Safe Third Country Agreement</i> (STCA) with the United States applies to refugee protection claimants crossing the land border into Canada at any point, not just to those who cross at land-based ports of entry. This provision only applies to deflect the claimant back to the United States for the first fourteen days after entry. The amendment to the regulations was widely seen as closing a “loophole” in the original STCA and <i>Regulations</i> , under which those who crossed into Canada other than at a port of entry were still eligible to make a claim for refugee protection in Canada. Amongst a raft of other reforms, Bill C-2, introduced in June 2025, proposes two new ineligibility provisions: a retroactive one-year deadline for initiating a protection claim; and elimination of the STCA exception allowing individuals crossing the US border between official ports to apply for refugee status after 14 days. Rehaag’s report provides a concise overview of the bill as well as concerns about its impacts.
<b>New resource</b>	<i>Canadian Council for Refugees v. Canada (Citizenship and Immigration)</i> , 2023 SCC 17
<b>Relevant Section</b>	Chapter 10, Section III.B (The Safe Third Country Agreement and Other Canadian Policies), pp. 909-915
<b>Link or text</b>	< <a href="https://canlii.ca/t/jxp04">https://canlii.ca/t/jxp04</a> >
<b>Discussion</b>	In a unanimous decision, authored by Kasirer J., the Supreme Court of Canada found that s. 101(1)(e) of the <i>Immigration and Refugee Protection Act</i> and s. 159.3 of the <i>Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations</i> do not violate section 7 of the <i>Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms</i> . The risk of detention, a one-year bar on claiming asylum, and practices of medical isolation in the United States were all found to raise section 7 interests. However, the principles of fundamental justice were not violated, as the regime was found to not suffer from gross disproportionality or overbreadth. The risk of <i>refoulement</i> would violate section 7 and the principles of fundamental justice, except the risk is mitigated by “safety” valves in the legal regime which provide for curative mechanisms. Kasirer J remitted the question of whether the provisions in question violate section 15 of the <i>Charter</i> back to the Federal Court, as this question had not been decided below.  More detail is provided in an update in Chapter 4, above.

<b>New resources</b>	<p>Sharry Aiken &amp; Alex Neve, <i>Refugee “Responsibility Sharing” – Challenging the Status Quo: a special issue of the PKI Global Justice Journal</i> (2023) 7 PKI Global Justice Journal 6.</p> <p>Andy Semotiuk, “Is The U.S. Still Safe? Canada Ponders Safe Third Country Agreement”, <i>Forbes</i> (29 May 2025)</p>
<b>Relevant Section</b>	<p>Chapter 10, Section III.B (The Safe Third Country Agreement and Other Canadian Policies), pp. 909-915 [see esp. bottom of p. 909-911]; addition to Supplementary Reading, p. 1055.</p>
<b>Link or text</b>	<p>Aiken &amp; Neve: &lt;<a href="https://globaljustice.queenslaw.ca/news/special-issue-on-refugee-responsibility-sharing-agreements-aug-2023">https://globaljustice.queenslaw.ca/news/special-issue-on-refugee-responsibility-sharing-agreements-aug-2023</a>&gt;</p> <p>Semotiuk: &lt;<a href="https://www.forbes.com/sites/andysemotiuk/2025/05/29/is-the-us-still-safe-canada-ponders-safe-third-country-agreement/">https://www.forbes.com/sites/andysemotiuk/2025/05/29/is-the-us-still-safe-canada-ponders-safe-third-country-agreement/</a>&gt;</p>
<b>Discussion</b>	<p>Fourteen short articles by refugee scholars and advocates, together with an editorial introduction by Aiken &amp; Neve, place the Canada-U.S. refugee pact in the wider context of international refugee law and developments globally; while a commentary by journalist Andy Semotiuk suggests that even as America’s “safety” may be suspect due to the Trump administration’s policies, suspending the agreement “could overwhelm Canadian institutions”.</p>

<b>New resource</b>	<p>Change to the Refugee Claims Process</p>
<b>Relevant Section</b>	<p>Chapter 10, Section IV.A (Overview of Refugee Status Determination in Canada), p. 917</p>
<b>Link or text</b>	<p>&lt;<a href="https://irb.gc.ca/en/applying-refugee-protection/Pages/index.aspx">https://irb.gc.ca/en/applying-refugee-protection/Pages/index.aspx</a>&gt;</p>

<b>Discussion</b>	Refugee claims can no longer be initiated at an office of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC). They can either be initiated in person at a port of entry or online. Once initiating the online claim, a claimant has 90 days to complete and submit the application.
<b>New resource</b>	Changes to Chairperson’s Guidelines (various)
<b>Relevant Section</b>	Chapter 10, Section IV.A (Overview of Refugee Status Determination in Canada), p. 922
<b>Link or text</b>	< <a href="https://irb.gc.ca/en/legal-policy/policies/Pages/chairperson-guideline.aspx">https://irb.gc.ca/en/legal-policy/policies/Pages/chairperson-guideline.aspx</a> >
<b>Discussion</b>	<p>The following changes to the Chairperson’s Guidelines have been made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Guideline 1 – Civilian Non-Combatants Fearing Persecution in Civil War Situations</i> was revoked on January 5, 2022.</li> <li>• <i>Guideline 3 – Child Refugee Claimants: Procedural and Evidentiary Issues</i> will be replaced with a new guideline on <i>Proceedings Involving Minors at the Immigration and Refugee Board</i> on October 31, 2023.</li> <li>• <i>Guideline 4 – Chairperson’s Guidelines 4: Women Refugee Claimants Fearing Gendered Persecution</i>, which had not been modified since 1996, were replaced in July 2022 with new guidelines on <i>Gender Considerations in Proceedings Before the Immigration and Refugee Board</i>.</li> <li>• <i>Guideline 9 – Proceedings Before the IRB Involving Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression, and Sex Characteristics</i> were revised in December 2021.</li> </ul>
<b>New resource</b>	<i>Canadian Association of Refugee Lawyers v Canada (Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship)</i> , 2020 FCA 196
<b>Relevant Section</b>	Chapter 10, Section IV.A (Overview of Refugee Status Determination in Canada), p. 922 (Notes)

<b>Link or text</b>	< <a href="https://canlii.ca/t/jblsl">https://canlii.ca/t/jblsl</a> >
<b>Discussion</b>	The Federal Court of Appeal confirmed that paragraph 159(1)(h) of the <i>Immigration and Refugee Protection Act</i> authorized the Chairperson to designate decisions that include factual findings as judicial guidelines.

<b>New resource</b>	Cumulative Acts of Discrimination and Persecution: RAD VC1-00029 (September 13, 2021)
<b>Relevant Section</b>	Chapter 10, Section V.G (Cumulative Acts of Discrimination Amounting to Persecution), p. 963
<b>Link or text</b>	< <a href="https://www.canlii.org/en/ca/irb/doc/2021/2021canlii140064/2021canlii140064.pdf">https://www.canlii.org/en/ca/irb/doc/2021/2021canlii140064/2021canlii140064.pdf</a> >
<b>Discussion</b>	The IRB designated this decision as reasons of interest for its analysis of cumulative discrimination with an intersectional approach.

<b>New resource</b>	Replacement of Guideline 4: Women Refugee Claimants Fearing Gender-Related Persecution
<b>Relevant Section</b>	Chapter 10, Subsection V.H.3 (Membership in a Particular Social Group), p. 981 [Note 6]
<b>Link or text</b>	< <a href="https://irb.gc.ca/en/legal-policy/policies/Pages/GuideDir04.aspx">https://irb.gc.ca/en/legal-policy/policies/Pages/GuideDir04.aspx</a> >
<b>Discussion</b>	Guideline Four was reviewed, resulting in its replacement by “Gender Considerations in Proceedings Before the Immigration and Refugee Board” (July 2022).

<b>New resource</b>	Revisions to Guideline 9: Proceedings Before the IRB Involving Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression, and Sex Characteristics (2021)
<b>Relevant Section</b>	Chapter 10, Subsection V.H.3 (Membership in a Particular Social Group), p. 981, note 7
<b>Link or text</b>	< <a href="https://irb.gc.ca/en/legal-policy/policies/Pages/GuideDir09.aspx">https://irb.gc.ca/en/legal-policy/policies/Pages/GuideDir09.aspx</a> >
<b>Discussion</b>	These Guidelines underwent a formal evaluation and were revised. A case using the revised Guidelines, which the IRB has designated as a case of interest, is X (Re), 2022 Can KII 133471 (CA IRB), < <a href="https://canlii.ca/t/jw1mg">https://canlii.ca/t/jw1mg</a> >.

## Chapter 11: Citizenship

<b>New resource</b>	Change to Oath of Citizenship
<b>Relevant Section</b>	Chapter 11, Subsection II.C.5 (The Oath), p. 1096
<b>Link or text</b>	<i>Citizenship Act</i> (R.S.C., 1985, c. C-29), Schedule – Oath or Affirmation of Citizenship < <a href="https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/c-29/page-8.html#h-1304734">https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/c-29/page-8.html#h-1304734</a> >
<b>Discussion</b>	<p>The oath of citizenship was amended by <i>An Act to amend the Citizenship Act (Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada’s call to action number 94)</i> (S.C. 2021, c. 13) to reflect the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. The new oath or affirmation of citizenship now reads:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">I swear (or affirm) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Queen of Canada, Her Heirs and Successors, and that I will faithfully observe the laws of Canada, including the Constitution, which recognizes and affirms the Aboriginal and treaty rights of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples, and fulfil my duties as a Canadian citizen.</p>

<b>New resources</b>	<p><i>Bjorkquist et al. v Attorney General of Canada</i>, 2023 ONSC 7152 [see, Chapter 4 above]</p> <p><i>Bill C-71, An Act to amend the Citizenship Act (2024)</i></p> <p>Nicholas Keung, “Court grants Trudeau government extension to fix ‘lost Canadians’ citizenship rules- with a catch”, <i>Toronto Star</i> (20 June 2024, updated 1 August 2024)</p> <p>Andrew Griffith, “Bill C-71 opens up a possible never-ending chain of citizenship” <i>Policy Options</i> (8 July 2024)</p> <p>Canada, IRCC Minister Transition Binder, “Citizenship by Descent and Lost Canadians” (March 2025, modified 11 July 2025)</p> <p>Canada, “Changes to the first-generation limit on citizenship” (6 June 2025)</p>
<b>Relevant Section</b>	Chapter 11, Section II B (Birth to a Canadian Outside Canada (Jus Sanguinis)), pp. 1069-1071
<b>Link or text</b>	<p><i>Bjorkquist</i>: &lt;<a href="https://canlii.ca/t/k1vdj">https://canlii.ca/t/k1vdj</a>&gt;</p> <p>Bill C-71: &lt;<a href="https://www.parl.ca/legisinfo/en/bill/44-1/c-71">https://www.parl.ca/legisinfo/en/bill/44-1/c-71</a>&gt;</p> <p>Keung:&lt; <a href="https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/court-grants-trudeau-government-extension-to-fix-lost-canadians-citizenship-rules-with-a-catch/article_29b61d06-2f2d-11ef-a7f3-4fa9ab4dc8eb.html">https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/court-grants-trudeau-government-extension-to-fix-lost-canadians-citizenship-rules-with-a-catch/article_29b61d06-2f2d-11ef-a7f3-4fa9ab4dc8eb.html</a>&gt;</p> <p>Griffith:&lt; <a href="https://policyoptions.irpp.org/magazines/july-2024/never-ending-citizenship/">https://policyoptions.irpp.org/magazines/july-2024/never-ending-citizenship/</a>&gt;</p> <p>Canada, IRCC Minister Transition Binder: &lt;<a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/transparency/transition-binders/minister-2025-03/citizenship-by-descent-lost-canadians.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/transparency/transition-binders/minister-2025-03/citizenship-by-descent-lost-canadians.html</a>&gt;</p> <p>Canada: &lt;<a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/transparency/transition-binders/minister-2025-03/citizenship-by-descent-lost-canadians.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/transparency/transition-binders/minister-2025-03/citizenship-by-descent-lost-canadians.html</a>&gt;</p>

<b>Discussion</b>	<p>An important update to the discussion that starts at page 1069 on the 2009 amendments that restricted the ability of Canadian citizens to pass citizenship on to children born abroad. See also the discussion of <i>Bjorkquist</i> (Chapter 4, above). Bill C-71 introduced a substantial connection test to permit a Canadian parent born abroad, who acquires citizenship by descent, to pass on citizenship to their child born abroad. The new test, as proposed in the bill, required the Canadian parent born abroad to demonstrate they have accumulated at least 1,095 days of physical presence in Canada before the birth or adoption of the child. Opinions have been divided on the merits of this reform (see Keung and Griffith). The bill did not pass before the prorogation of Parliament for the federal election in March 2025. A new bill is anticipated but, in the meantime, the Court has suspended its declaration until November 2025 and the federal government has introduced an expanded interim measure aimed at ameliorating the effects of the first generation limit on citizenship.</p>
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