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The primary function of the Council is to regulate its members so that all consumers have access to immigration services from a qualified and ethical body of consultants.

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**About Us**



ICCRC is the national regulatory body designated by the government of Canada in July 2011, to regulate Canadian immigration, citizenship and international student advising services. Permitted service providers of these regulated professions are known as Regulated Canadian Immigration Consultants (RCICs) and Regulated International Student Immigration Advisors (RISIAs).  
The Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (IRPA) and the Citizenship Act require anyone providing Canadian immigration or citizenship advice or representation for a fee or other consideration to be a member in good standing of ICCRC. Exceptions are members in good standing of provincial or territorial law societies or the Chambre des notaires du Québec.

ICCRC has a federal mandate to regulate individuals who provide Canadian immigration, citizenship, and international student advising services. Individuals who reside outside Canada and provide regulated immigration services, or whose principal location of Canadian immigration services is outside Canada, are also subject to ICCRC regulation.

**Membership**

ICCRC currently regulates over 4200 Regulated Canadian Immigration Consultants in Canada and abroad.

**Mandate**

ICCRC’s mandate is to protect consumers of immigration services through effective regulation of immigration and citizenship consultants and promotion of the benefits of using only authorized immigration representatives.  
ICCRC protects consumers by:  
Maintaining a searchable database of all professionals it regulates.  
Managing a rigorous complaints and discipline process.  
Reporting suspected unauthorized representatives to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) or Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) for further investigation and law enforcement intervention.  
Educating the public through awareness campaigns on the importance of retaining RCICs and the dangers of using unauthorized immigration representatives.  
ICCRC regulates RCICs by:  
Enforcing the Code of Professional Ethics.  
Accrediting and auditing the Immigration Practitioner Programs (IPPs) offered by post-secondary institutions across Canada.  
Administering the entry-to-practice Full Skills Exam (FSE).  
Delivering Practice Management Education (PME) courses in order for RCICs to maintain their competent practice.  
Conducting a Compliance Audit to make certain that RCICs’ practice and documentation comply with ICCRC Regulations.  
Crediting hours of Continuing Professional Development (CPD), which ensure that RCICs’ immigration knowledge is current.

**The Law**

Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (IRPA), Section 91:

No person shall knowingly, directly, or indirectly, represent or advise on immigration matters for a fee unless they are:

(a) a lawyer who is a member in good standing of a law society of a province or a notary who is a member in good standing of the Chambre des notaires du Québec;

(b) any other member in good standing of a law society of a province or the Chambre des notaires du Québec, including a paralegal; or

(c) a member in good standing of the designated regulatory body (ICCRC).

Citizenship Act, Section 21.1:

Every person commits an offence who knowingly, directly or indirectly, represents or advises a person for consideration — or offers to do so — in connection with a proceeding or application under this Act.

Subsection (1) does not apply to:

(a) a lawyer who is a member in good standing of a law society of a province or a notary who is a member in good standing of the Chambre des notaires du Québec;

(b) any other member in good standing of a law society of a province; or

(c) a member in good standing of a body designated under subsection (5).

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