



Ministry of
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et aux entreprises

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The Society of Professional Accountants of Canada
Attention: Mr. William Nichols, President
37 Cosentino Drive
Toronto, ON M1P 3A3

Dear Mr. Nichols:

Effective October 11, 2001 a new birth certificates form was introduced for the Province of Ontario. When a person applies for a birth certificate they will now be required to provide additional information and a signature of a guarantor. A guarantor would have to have known the applicant for a period of at least two years, and be a Canadian citizen. A guarantor would also have to be a member of one of a number of professions, such as a mayor, doctor, police officer etc...

The Society of Professional Accountants of Canada, Accredited Professional Accountant's (APA), and ~~Registered Professional Accountants (RPA), are included in our list of guarantors.~~ We appreciate the time your office has spent with us in preparing a comprehensive list of practicing APA's and RPA's for verification purposes.

A news release and backgrounders on improved security for vital documents is available on the internet at <http://www.cbs.gov.on.ca/mcbs/english/53EPG2.htm>. If you require any additional information you may contact me at 416-314-4892.

Thank You.

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