

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **NATIONAL REGULATOR CALLS ON PUBLIC TO EXPOSE IMMIGRATION FRAUD**

**Burlington (ON) – July 2, 2013** – The Immigration Consultants of Canada Regulatory Council (ICCRC), the national regulatory body of the Canadian immigration consulting profession, is launching an international campaign to encourage the reporting of unregulated immigration consultants.

“**ALERT!**” is the ICCRC’s confidential whistleblowing initiative that enables consumers, the industry, and the general public in Canada and abroad to contact the ICCRC and provide detailed information on suspected fraudulent service providers. Tips can be filed online at [www.iccrc-crcic.ca/alert](http://www.iccrc-crcic.ca/alert), by emailing [alert@iccrc-crcic.ca](mailto:alert@iccrc-crcic.ca), or by calling 1-877-836-7543 toll-free in North America, or 001- 905-399-7537 from overseas.

“We are taking decisive action to fulfill the ICCRC’s mandate to protect consumers from illegal representatives of immigration services in Canada and overseas,” says Daniel Roukema, the national regulator’s Director of Communications. “**ALERT!**” will make it easier for the public, locally and abroad, to report immigration fraud. Only authorized representatives can legally provide immigration advice or representation for a fee under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (IRPA).”

To be licensed, Regulated Canadian Immigration Consultants (RCICs) must complete an accredited education program, pass an exam, and demonstrate a record of good personal and professional conduct. They must then attend further training throughout their career to maintain their competencies in immigration policy and law. The ICCRC website provides a detailed searchable list of RCICs in Canada and around the world.

Information provided through “**ALERT!**” will be tracked and forwarded to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA), or law enforcement agencies in other countries for investigation and prosecution.

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The Immigration Consultants of Canada Regulatory Council (ICCRC) is the national regulatory authority designated by the government of Canada to safeguard consumers who seek and retain the services of Canadian immigration consultants.

Federal law requires that immigration consultants, in Canada or abroad, who provide Canadian immigration services for a fee, must be registered with the ICCRC and accredited as a Regulated Canadian Immigration Consultant (RCIC). For more information visit [www.iccrc-crcic.ca](http://www.iccrc-crcic.ca) or call 1-877-836-7543.