# Restricted Area Identity Cards

The Restricted Area Identity Card (RAIC) is a security pass issued by local airport authorities to all non-passengers working in the restricted areas of Canada's 29 major airports. The card must be carried and displayed by all airport workers who have Transportation Security Clearance from Transport Canada.

To verify a non-passenger's identity, each card has a built-in computer chip with a microprocessor and memory to store fingerprint and iris biometric identification data. The RAIC program includes the cards, the fingerprint and iris readers installed at airport terminals, and a network infrastructure that links airports to a secure central database.

When it became fully operational in 2007, the RAIC program developed by CATSA was the world's first dual biometric (iris and fingerprint) airport identification system for non-passengers using restricted areas. CATSA continues to be responsible for developing and maintaining the RAIC system, installing and maintaining the fingerprint and iris readers at airport terminals, and the network infrastructure.