

THE GRANTING OF HERALDIC EMBLEMS (COATS OF ARMS, FLAGS AND BADGES)

1
month

• **OPENING OF THE FILE (1 month).**

- The Petitioner sends a request to the Canadian Heraldic Authority (CHA).
- The Chief Herald recommends to the Herald Chancellor or Deputy Herald Chancellor that the Petitioner be granted Armorial Bearings (coats of arms, flags and badges).
- A Warrant is signed authorizing the Chief Herald to proceed.
- An invoice for the administrative fee is sent to the Petitioner.

1 to 3
months

• **RESEARCH AND CONCEPT PROPOSAL (1 to 3 months).**

- A herald works with the Petitioner on the design themes to be included.
- The Chief Herald approves the Armorial Bearing developed by the herald.
- A written description of the proposed concept, including its elements and meaning, is sent to the petitioner for approval.

6 to 8
weeks

• **PRELIMINARY ART (6 to 8 weeks).**

- An accredited artist of the Canadian Heraldic Authority creates the first rendering of the proposed coat of arms, flag and/or badge.
- The preliminary art is sent to the Petitioner for approval, together with the Artist's invoice.

2 to 3
months

• **FINAL ART, CALLIGRAPHY AND LETTERS PATENT (2 to 3 months).**

- The artist paints in gouache the Armorial Bearings, of which a photocopy is sent to the Petitioner together with the artist's invoice.
- A calligrapher inscribes the text of the Letters Patent granting the new Armorial Bearings to the Petitioner, for which the Calligrapher's invoice is sent to the Petitioner.
- The Chief Herald signs the document, which is then sealed with the seal of the CHA.

2 to 4
weeks

• **SENDING AND NOTIFICATION (2 to 4 weeks).**

- The document is professionally photographed.
- The Letters Patent, together with the symbolism document and digital photos of the Armorial Bearings, are mailed to the Petitioner after all payments have been made.
- Within 12 months, the notice of the Grant is published in the *Canada Gazette*, and the Armorial Bearings are added to the online Public Register of Arms, Flags and Badges of Canada.