

The Royal Canadian Mint has been producing coins in Ottawa, Canada since 1908 when it was established as a branch of Britain's Royal Mint. It quickly developed a reputation for unsurpassed quality, skilled craftsmanship and attention to detail. Originally mandated to produce only Canadian circulation coins, the Royal Canadian Mint evolved into a federal Crown corporation providing coin and coin-related products to a world-wide market. The Royal Canadian Mint, with its high standards of craftsmanship in minting circulation and commemorative collector coinage and its reputation as a premier refiner of gold, is known and respected around the globe.

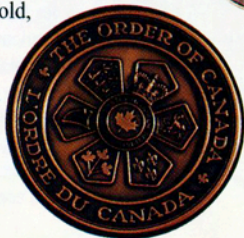
With its headquarters in Ottawa and a branch in Winnipeg, the Royal Canadian Mint employs some 600 highly-skilled and dedicated individuals involved in all aspects of coin design, production and marketing, in one of the largest and most capable minting facilities in operation today. It is not sufficient to just manufacture coins, medallions, tokens and medals. The Royal Canadian Mint must stay competitive by marketing artistically designed and attractively packaged coin products, keeping in mind market trends and desires.

Ottawa



The head office of the Royal Canadian Mint is situated in its original production complex on historic Sussex Drive, in the Nation's capital.

The Ottawa facility is responsible for the design and engraving of all the coins and coin-related products produced at both manufacturing facilities, as well as the minting and marketing of collector (or "numismatic" quality) coinage and the Gold, Platinum, and Silver Maple Leaf bullion coins. Customized medallions, medals, and tokens are also designed and produced for corporate customers, in addition to the Royal Canadian Mint's own product line.

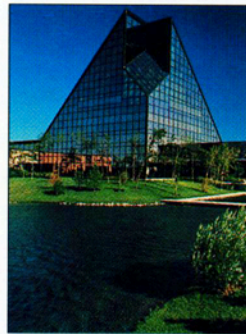


Design and engraving - the first step in the minting process - is carried out in Ottawa for both plants. Once a theme has been established by the Royal Canadian Mint, in-house engravers proceed through the various stages required to transform a drawing on paper into a master die. The process from original design to the engraving of the production dies, is closely monitored by the Master Engraver.



The Royal Canadian Mint also operates the oldest and one of the largest gold refineries in the Western Hemisphere, at its location in Ottawa. Since 1911, the Royal Canadian Mint has been refining gold for gold mines and central banks throughout the world. It refines gold into its purest form, which is 99.99% (or 24-Karat) fine gold.

Winnipeg Plant



All you have to do right now is reach into your pocket or purse and pull out some of the work produced at the Royal Canadian Mint, in Winnipeg. All the one cent coins, nickels, dimes, quarters and dollar coins in circulation in Canada are made in the Royal Canadian Mint's ultra-modern Winnipeg facility.

This high capacity minting complex can produce three billion coins a year. A little basic math will tell you that the Winnipeg facility can produce at the phenomenal rate of over 95 coins per second for every second of the year! This spectacular capacity, coupled with a world-wide reputation for excellence, makes the Royal Canadian Mint the choice of many foreign countries to produce their own coinage. Everyday commerce in such far away places as the Czech Republic, the People's Republic of Bangladesh, or Zambia is carried out using coins manufactured by the Royal Canadian Mint, in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

