



Nicole Girard

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Nicole Girard is currently the Acting Associate Assistant Deputy Minister of the Safety and Security Group for Transport Canada. In this role, Nicole provides support and leadership to a wide variety of areas within the portfolio, including regulation and policy development.

Nicole joined Transport Canada in 1998 and quickly entered into management positions in Civil Aviation. In October 2013, she became Associate Director General in TDG and was appointed Director General in April 2015. Prior to her current position, she returned to Civil Aviation as the Director General, Aviation Safety Regulatory Framework.

Nicole is passionate about employment equity and diversity, particularly in supporting and mentoring women in transportation.

Before joining Transport Canada, Nicole Girard was in private practice and was a lecturer at the University of Ottawa's French Common Law Program. Originally from Rouyn-Noranda, Quebec, Nicole holds a Bachelor of Social Work and a Bachelor of Common Law. In her spare time, Nicole enjoys riding her Harley and, most recently, scuba diving.