Licensed domestic air carriers operating in Canada held valid operating certificates at Dec. 31, 1956, covering 42 scheduled, 98 flying-training and 658 non-scheduled and specialty services. Non-scheduled services are operated by the majority of the independent airlines. These services provide effective access to sections of Canada that are inaccessible by other means of transportation and act as feeders to the scheduled airlines. They also provide specialty services such as recreational flying, aerial photography and surveying, aerial pest control and aerial advertising.

Commonwealth and Foreign Scheduled Commercial Air Services.—At the end of December 1957, there were 16, Commonwealth and foreign air carriers holding valid Canadian operating certificates and licences covering international scheduled commercial air services operating into Canada, as follows:—

- Air France (Compagnie Nationale Air France) operates between points in Metropolitan France and Montreal, Que., Canada, direct or via Shannon, Ireland; Keflavik, Iceland; or the Azores and Gander, Nfld., Canada; and New York, N.Y., and Chicago, Ill., U.S.A.
- American Airlines, Inc., operates between Toronto, Ont., Canada, and New York, N.Y./ Newark, N. J., U.S.A., direct or via Buffalo, N.Y., U.S.A.
- British Overseas Airways Corp., operates between London, England, Gander, Nfld., and Montreal, Que., Canada; and Detroit, Mich., U.S.A.; and between London, England, Montreal, Que., Canada, and Nassau, Bahamas; and between London, England, Gander, Nfld., and Bermuda.
- Eastern Air Lines, Inc. operates between the terminals Ottawa, Ont., Canada, and Montreal, Que., Canada, and New York, N.Y., U.S.A., direct or via Burlington, Vt., U.S.A.; and between the terminals Ottawa, Ont., and Montreal, Que., Canada, and Washington, D.C., U.S.A., direct or via Massena/Syracuse, N.Y., U.S.A.
- KLM Royal Dutch Airlines operates between the terminals Amsterdam, The Netherlands, and Montreal, Que., Canada; and between the terminals Montreal, Que., Canada, and Willemstad, Curação, Netherlands Antilles.
- Lufthansa German Airlines operates between points abroad and Montreal, Que., Canada, and Chicago, Ill., U.S.A.
- Northeast Airlines, Inc. operates between Montreal, Que., Canada, and Boston, Mass., U.S.A., via Burlington, Vt., Montpelier-Barre, Vt., White River Junction, Vt., (Lebanon Airport, N.H.), and Concord, N.H., U.S.A.
- Northwest Airlines, Inc. operates between Winnipeg, Man., Canada, and Fargo, N.D., U.S.A., and between Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minn., U.S.A., Edmonton, Alta., Canada, Anchorage, Alaska, and beyond.
- Pan American World Airways Inc. operates between Seattle, Wash., U.S.A., and Fairbanks, Alaska, with points of call at Juneau and Annette Island, Alaska, and Whitehorse, Y.T., Canada, and between the U.S.A., Gander, Nfld., Canada, and Europe.
- Qantas Empire Airways Ltd. operates between Sydney, Australia, San Francisco, Cal., U.S.A., and Vancouver, B.C., Canada.
- Sabena Belgian World Airlines operates between Brussels, Belgium, and New York, N.Y., U.S.A., via Shannon, Ireland, and Montreal, Que., Canada.
- Scandinavian Airlines System operates between Stockholm, Sweden, Oslo, Norway, Copenhagen, Denmark, Prestwick, Scotland, Gander, Nfld., Canada, and New York, N.Y., U.S.A.
- Seaboard and Western Airlines, Inc. operates between points in the United States, Gander, Nfld., Canada, and beyond.
- TWA (Trans-World Airlines, Inc.) operates between points in the United States, Gander, Nfld., Canada, and points abroad.
- United Air Lines, Inc. operates between Vancouver, B.C., Canada, and Seattle, Wash., U.S.A. via Bellingham, Wash., U.S.A.
- Western Air Lines, Inc. operates between Great Falls, Mont., U.S.A., Cut Bank, Mont., U.S.A., and Lethbridge, Alta., and Edmonton, Alta., Canada, via Calgary and Penhold, Alta., Canada.