

Travel notice

Starting June 6, 2023, more travellers may be eligible to apply for an eTA, instead of a visa, to travel to Canada.

What is an eTA?

An electronic travel authorization (eTA) is a digital travel document that allows you to travel to, or transit through Canada by air. It costs CAN\$7 to apply, and the eTA is valid for 5 years or until your passport expires, whichever comes first.

Who can now apply for an eTA as of June 6?

Citizens of **Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Costa Rica, Morocco, Panama, the Philippines, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, the Seychelles, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago and Uruguay** are now eligible to apply for an eTA if they meet the following **3 requirements**:

- They've held a Canadian visitor visa in the past 10 years, **or** currently hold a valid United States (US) **non-immigrant visa (NIV)**.
- They're coming to Canada for a short visit, or a business or tourist activity (up to 6 months).
- They're flying to or transiting through a Canadian airport using a valid passport from one of these 13 countries.

If they do not meet **ALL of the requirements** above, they need to apply for a visitor visa to travel to Canada. You can apply online at **Canada.ca/visit**.

Not arriving by plane? You need a visa to come to Canada.

An eTA is for air travel only. Clients from these 13 countries will still need a visitor visa if travelling to Canada by car, bus, train or boat, including a cruise ship (even if they are not leaving the ship).

Travellers who already have a valid Canadian visa

If your client already has a valid Canadian visa, they **don't** need an eTA to fly to Canada and should continue to travel with their visa until it expires.

Canadian citizens and permanent residents

Canadian citizens, including dual citizens, need a valid Canadian passport to travel to Canada. Permanent residents need a valid permanent resident card or a permanent resident travel document. Neither can apply for an eTA.

Use the official Canada.ca/eTA website to apply for an eTA.

Most people who apply for an eTA are approved within minutes. However, it can sometimes take longer if the applicant is asked to submit supporting documents. To avoid travel delays, your clients should get their eTA **before** they book their flight to Canada.

Can I apply for an eTA on behalf of my client?

Yes, as long as you indicate that you are filling out the form as a representative when asked.

Can people submit group applications for an eTA?

No. You must apply one person at a time. For example, a family of three would need to submit each application individually and pay the fee for each one.

What do eTA holders need to board their flight to Canada?

Your clients must travel with the same passport they used to apply for their eTA. If they get a new passport, they need to apply for a new eTA.

Note: They should also travel with their old passport **in addition to their new one** if it contains their expired Canadian visitor visa or a valid US NIV.





Common travel scenarios - Do I need an eTA or visa?

How you are travelling to Canada

What travel document you will need

Flying to or transiting through a Canadian airport, and you are eligible to apply for an eTA.

You can apply for either an eTA or visa.

Flying to or transiting through a Canadian airport, but you are not eligible for an eTA.

You will need a visa.

Flying to Canada with your family, and you are eligible to apply for an eTA but family members are not.

You can apply for an eTA or visa. Your family members will need a visa.

Driving to Canada from the US, or arriving by bus, train or boat, including a cruise ship stopover (even if you don't plan to leave the ship).

You will need a visa.

Departing from and returning to Canada on a boat, including a cruise ship that travels outside Canada.

You will need a visa.

Travelling between Canada and the US via any combination of plane, train, car, bus or boat travel.

Your best option is to apply for a visa – it will give you the most flexibility.

You already have a valid Canadian visa, and you are planning to fly to Canada.

You can travel with that visa until it expires.

Flying to Canada to work or study for more than 6 months.

You will need to apply for a work or study permit. When your permit is approved, IRCC will issue you a temporary resident visa, which will allow you to board your flight to Canada.

Flying back to Canada to work or study after renewing your work or study permit.

You can continue to use your visa if it's still valid. If your visa expired when you renewed your permit, IRCC will automatically issue you an eTA, which will allow you to board your flight to Canada.

