

Travel advisory

Brazilian clients flying to Canada may be eligible for an eTA



What is changing on 01 May 2017?

Starting at **9 am EDT** on 01 May 2017, **some Brazilian citizens** will be able to apply for an **Electronic Travel Authorization** (eTA), instead of a visitor visa, to travel to Canada by air.

Who can apply for an eTA?

Starting **01 May**, citizens of Brazil can apply for an eTA if they:

- held a Canadian visa in the past 10 years, or
- currently hold a valid United States **nonimmigrant visa**

and if they are:

- travelling to Canada by air using a valid Brazilian passport; and
- coming for a short visit, business or tourist activity (normally for stays of up to 6 months)

Note: Canadian citizens, including **dual citizens**, cannot apply for an eTA and will need a **valid Canadian passport** to fly to Canada.

How do travellers apply for an eTA?

Travellers should only use the **official Government of Canada website** – Canada.ca/eTA – to apply for an eTA.

Applying is a simple, low-cost process. All a traveller needs is a valid passport, a credit or a debit card, and an email address. In most cases, the eTA is granted within minutes.

What if my clients are not eligible for an eTA or are not flying to Canada?

Those who are not eligible to apply for an eTA will **need a visa** to travel to Canada. This could mean that, if an entire family is travelling together, some family members, such as children or a spouse, may need a visa while others can apply for an eTA.

As well, all Brazilians will need a **visa if entering Canada by land or sea** – for instance, driving from the U.S. or coming by cruise ship from Alaska, even if staying on the ship. A visa is a better option if your client plans to travel often between Canada and the U.S. via any combination of plane, train, car, bus or boat.

Travellers should plan ahead and get the right travel documents **before** booking a flight.

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

Yes, as long as you indicate that you are filling the form out 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.

How would people pay for an eTA?

The only acceptable payment methods are Visa, MasterCard and American Express, including prepaid Visa, MasterCard and American Express cards, Visa debit, JCB card or debit card (Interac).

The eTA application fee is not refundable.

Quick eTA facts for Travel Agents

- Costs CAD \$7.
- Valid for 5 years or until the passport expires, whichever comes first.
- Allows for multiple entries for short stays
- Electronically linked to the passport number entered when someone applies for an eTA, which means the person needs to travel with that passport.
- If someone gets a new passport, they will need to get a new eTA.
- Those who have a valid Canadian visa do not need an eTA.

For more information or to apply for an eTA, visit Canada.ca/eTA.

