

Flying to Canada?

If you are a citizen of Brazil, you 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.

An eTA only allows travellers to board a flight to Canada. All Brazilian citizens will still need a **visitor visa** if driving to Canada from the U.S. or coming by bus, train or boat, including a cruise ship.

Who can apply for an eTA?

Starting 01 May 2017, you can apply for an eTA if you:

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

and if you are:

- flying to or transiting through a Canadian airport using your 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 I apply for an eTA?

Make sure you use the **official Government of Canada website** – Canada.ca/eTA – to apply for an eTA. Applying is a simple, low-cost (\$7 CAD) online process that takes just minutes to complete. All you need to apply is a valid passport, a credit or a debit card, and an email address.

Most applicants are approved within minutes. However, some applications **can take several days** to process if you are asked to submit supporting documents. To avoid travel delays, it is best to get an eTA **before** you book your flight to Canada.

What if I'm not flying to Canada or not eligible for an eTA? Do I still need a visa to travel to Canada?

Yes, you still need a **visitor visa** if you drive to Canada from the U.S. or come by bus, train or boat, including a cruise ship from Alaska, even if you plan to stay on the ship. A visa is also a better choice if you plan to travel often between Canada and the U.S. by various methods of travel. For instance, if you plan any combination of taking a plane, train, bus, boat or cruise ship.



If you are not eligible for an eTA, you will **still need a visa** to travel to Canada. You can **apply for a visa** online or on paper. If you need help, you can contact the nearest visa application centre (VAC), including the VAC in **Brasilia, Rio de Janeiro** or **São Paulo**.

If you already have a valid visa, you can continue to use it to travel to Canada until it expires.

What happens if I am eligible to apply for an eTA, but my family members are not? Will they need to apply for a visitor visa?

Yes, it is possible that some family members, such as your spouse or children, will need to apply for a visa.

To make sure that travelling to Canada is easy and stress free, plan ahead and get the right travel documents for all members of your family before booking a flight to Canada.

I am applying for a study or work permit. Do I need an eTA or visa?

A permit is not a travel document. You will **need a visa** in addition to your approved study or work permit to travel to Canada. A visa will be **automatically issued** to you once your permit is approved.

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

