

Flying to Canada?

Our entry requirements have changed.
Find out if they apply to you.



What is an Electronic Travel Authorization?

An Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) is a new entry requirement for visa-exempt foreign nationals flying to or transiting through Canada. The authorization is electronically linked to your passport and is valid for five years or until your passport expires, whichever comes first.

Who needs an Electronic Travel Authorization?

Citizens from countries other than the United States (U.S.) who do not need a visa to enter Canada will need to obtain an eTA before flying to Canada. To view the list of countries, visit Canada.ca/eTA. Travellers do not need an eTA when entering Canada by land or sea.

Effective March 15, 2016:

- **Canadian permanent residents** do not need an eTA to fly to Canada, but they do need to travel with their Canadian permanent resident (PR) card or PR travel document. Otherwise, they may not be able to board their flight to Canada.
- **U.S. permanent residents** need an eTA to fly to Canada (as well as their U.S. Green Card). They do not need an eTA if entering Canada by land or sea.
- **Students and temporary workers** from eTA-required countries who received their student or work permit before August 1, 2015, and intend to travel from and return to Canada by air need an eTA.

How do I apply for an eTA for travel to Canada?

Applying for an eTA is a simple online process that takes just a few minutes. You need your passport, a credit card and an email address. It costs CAD\$7 to get an eTA. It is valid for up to five years. The application form is available on Canada.ca/eTA.

What if I arrive at the airport without an eTA? How will I be able to get an eTA at the last minute?

You should get your eTA as soon as you begin to plan your trip to visit or transit through Canada. If needed, last-minute applications can be made on any device with an Internet connection, including mobile phones. Applying for an eTA is a simple online process. Most applicants can expect to get an email response within minutes of applying.

Do I have to print anything to prove that I have an eTA?

No. The eTA is electronically linked to your passport. You need to travel with the passport you used to apply for your eTA.

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

