Important travel information your family and friends may need to know to visit you in Canada

Do you have family or friends visiting you from Europe, Australia, New Zealand or Asia? They should be aware that Canada's entry rules have changed and they may need an **Electronic Travel Authorization** (eTA).

**What is an eTA?**
An eTA is an authorization certain travellers need to enter Canada by air. It is electronically linked to travellers’ passports and is intended for short-term stays for visiting, business and tourism activities.

**Why do people need an eTA?**
An eTA allows us to check that travellers are admissible to enter Canada before they travel, which, in turn could facilitate their entry into Canada.

**Who needs an eTA?**
Since March 15, 2016, travellers who normally do not need a visa to enter Canada because they are citizens of a visa-exempt country need an eTA to fly to or transit through Canada.

Exceptions include United States (U.S.) citizens and travellers with a valid Canadian visa. U.S. lawful permanent residents need an eTA and must present a valid U.S. permanent resident card (Green Card) and a valid passport at check-in.

**Applying for an eTA** is a simple, inexpensive (CAN$7) online process that takes just minutes to complete. A passport, a credit or debit card and an email address are all travellers need. Travellers can allow a third party, such as a travel agent, family member or friend, to apply on their behalf; however, they should use only the official Government of Canada website, [Canada.ca/eTA](http://Canada.ca/eTA).

It is best for travellers to get their eTA before booking their flight to Canada. Most applicants are approved within minutes of applying. However, some applications can take several days to process, so travellers should apply as soon as they start planning their trip.

The eTA is valid for five years or until the passport expires, whichever comes first. This means travellers can fly to Canada repeatedly with a valid eTA and valid passport. For more information, visit [Canada.ca/eTA](http://Canada.ca/eTA). You will find frequently asked questions, a video explaining eTA and help with applying for an eTA.

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**Are you a dual Canadian citizen flying to Canada?**

Canadian citizens, including dual citizens, need to show a valid Canadian passport, temporary passport or an emergency travel document to board their flight to Canada. Please note that temporary passports and emergency travel documents are issued only under strict conditions.

**Flying in a few days and you don't have a Canadian passport?**

You may be eligible for a special authorization that, if approved, will allow you to board your flight with your valid non-Canadian passport. To find out more, see [Canada.ca/eTA – Dual Canadian citizens need a Canadian passport](http://Canada.ca/eTA).

For future travel, make sure to travel with a Canadian passport. Apply soon at [Canada.ca/passport](http://Canada.ca/passport). It can take time to get a Canadian passport.