

Visa info

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This webpage will help you find out what you need to visit Canada as a tourist or business person, how to extend your stay in Canada and what documents you need to carry with you to transit through Canada. For more information, visit the web sites of [Citizenship and Immigration](#).

Visas and Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA)

Citizens of certain countries and territories need a visa to visit or transit Canada. Others need an eTA.

Starting March 15, 2016, visa-exempt foreign nationals who fly to or transit through Canada will need an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA). Exceptions include U.S. citizens and travellers with a valid visa. [Read about the changes](#) and how they may affect you.

Find out if you need an eTA or a visitor visa

Note: you can also do it using the online form at the [Canada citizenship and immigration](#) website.

Countries and territories whose citizens need a visa to travel to Canada

A/B/C/D/E/F/G/H/I/J/K/L/M/N/O/P/Q/R/S/T/U/V/W/X/Y/Z

Afghanistan

Albania

Algeria

Angola

Argentina

Armenia

Azerbaijan

Bahrain

Bangladesh

Belarus

Belize

Benin

Bhutan

Bolivia

Bosnia-Herzegovina

Botswana

Brazil

Bulgaria

Burkina Faso

Burma (Myanmar)

Burundi

Cambodia

Cameroon, Republic of

Cape Verde

Central African Republic

Chad

China, People's Republic of

Colombia

Comoros

Congo, Democratic Republic of

Congo, Republic of

Costa Rica, Republic of

Cuba

Djibouti

Dominica

Dominican Republic

East Timor

Ecuador

Egypt

El Salvador

Equatorial Guinea

Eritrea

Ethiopia

Fiji

Gabon

Gambia

Georgia

Ghana

Grenada

Guatemala

Guinea

Guinea-Bissau

Guyana

Haiti

Honduras

India

Indonesia

Iran

Iraq

Israel - holders of valid Israeli "Travel Document in lieu of National Passport"

Ivory Coast

Jamaica

Jordan

Kazakhstan

Kenya

Kiribati

Korea, North

Kosovo

Kuwait

Kyrgyzstan

Laos

Lebanon

Lesotho

Liberia

Libya

Macao Special Administrative Region

Macedonia

Madagascar

Malawi

Malaysia

Maldives Islands

Mali

Marshall Islands

Mauritania

Mauritius

Mexico

Micronesia, Fed. States

Moldova

Mongolia

Montenegro

Morocco

Mozambique

Namibia

Nauru

Nepal

Nicaragua

Niger

Nigeria

Oman

Pakistan

Palau

Palestinian Authority

Panama

Paraguay

Peru

Philippines

Qatar

Romania

Russia

Rwanda

Sao Tomé e Príncipe

Saudi Arabia, Kingdom of

Senegal

Serbia

Seychelles

Sierra Leone

Somalia

South Africa

South Sudan

Sri Lanka

St. Kitts and Nevis

St. Lucia

St. Vincent and the Grenadines (St. Vincent)

Sudan

Surinam

Swaziland

Syria

Taiwan – Note: Taiwanese citizens who hold a passport issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Taiwan that does not include their personal identification number need a visa to come to Canada. Taiwanese citizens who hold a passport issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Taiwan that includes their personal identification number need an eTA to come to Canada.

Tajikistan

Tanzania

Thailand

Togo

Tonga

Trinidad and Tobago

Tunisia

Turkey

Turkmenistan

Tuvalu

Uganda

Ukraine

United Arab Emirates

Uruguay

Uzbekistan

Vanuatu

Venezuela

Vietnam

Yemen

Zambia

Zimbabwe

Countries and territories whose citizens need an eTA to travel to Canada

Foreign nationals from the following countries will need an eTA before boarding their flight to Canada as of March 15, 2016.

A/B/C/D/E/F/G/H/I/J/K/L/M/N/O/P/Q/R/S/T/U/V/W/X/Y/Z

Andorra

Antigua and Barbuda

Australia

Austria

Bahamas

Barbados

Belgium

British citizen

British overseas citizen who is re-admissible to the United Kingdom

British overseas territory citizen who derives that citizenship through birth, descent, naturalization or registration in one of the British overseas territories of:

Anguilla

Bermuda

British Virgin Islands

Cayman Islands

Falkland Islands

Gibraltar

Montserrat

Pitcairn Island

Saint Helena

Turks and Caicos Islands

Brunei Darussalam

Chile

Croatia

Cyprus

Czech Republic

Denmark

Estonia

Finland

France

Federal Republic of Germany

Greece

Hungary

Iceland

Ireland

Italy

Japan

Republic of Korea

Latvia

Liechtenstein

Lithuania

Luxembourg

Malta

Monaco

Netherlands

New Zealand

Norway

Papua New Guinea

Poland

Portugal

Samoa

San Marino

Singapore

Slovakia

Slovenia

Solomon Islands

Spain

Sweden

Switzerland

Other foreign nationals who need an eTA to travel to Canada

The following foreign nationals will need an eTA before boarding their flight to Canada as of March 15, 2016:

- Persons who have been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence (United States Permanent Residents).
- Holder of a passport or travel document issued by the Holy See.
- Holder of a national Israeli passport.
- Holder of a passport issued by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China.
- Holder of a passport issued by the United Kingdom to a British National (Overseas), as a person born, naturalized or registered in Hong Kong.
- Holder of a passport issued by the United Kingdom to a British Subject which contains the observation that the holder has the right of abode in the United Kingdom.
- Holder of an ordinary passport issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Taiwan that includes the personal identification number of the individual. Note: Taiwanese citizens who hold a passport issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Taiwan that does not include their personal identification number need a visa to come to Canada.

eTA Exemptions

The following foreign nationals will be exempt from the eTA requirement:

- Nationals of the United States.
- Citizens of France who are residents of St. Pierre and Miquelon who seek to enter Canada directly from St. Pierre and Miquelon.
- Visitors, students and workers, who seek to re-enter Canada after solely visiting either the United States or St. Pierre and Miquelon, providing that they return to Canada by the end of the period initially authorized for their stay or any extension to it.
- Foreign nationals who are passengers on a flight stopping in Canada for the sole purpose of refuelling and
 - possess proper documents to enter the United States and their flight is bound for that country, or
 - They were lawfully admitted to the United States and their flight originated in that country.

- Foreign nationals who are passengers on a flight that, owing to an emergency or other unforeseen circumstances, makes an unscheduled stop in Canada.
- Foreign nationals seeking to transit through Canada under Transit Without Visa or China Transit Program.
- Foreign nationals who hold a passport that contains a diplomatic acceptance, a consular acceptance or an official acceptance issued by the Chief of Protocol for the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade on behalf of the Government of Canada and are a properly accredited diplomats, consular officers, representatives or officials of a country other than Canada, of the United Nations or any of its agencies, or of any international organization of which Canada is a member.
- Foreign nationals seeking to enter and remain in Canada solely:
 - As a crew member of a means of transportation that may be used for transportation by air or to become a member of such a crew; or
 - To transit through Canada after working, or to work, as a crew member of a means of transportation that may be used for transportation by air, if they possess a ticket for departure from Canada within 24 hours after their arrival in Canada.
- Foreign nationals seeking to enter and remain in Canada solely to carry out official duties as a member of the armed forces of a country that is a designated state for the purposes of the Visiting Forces Act, unless they have been designated under that Act as a civilian component of those armed forces.
- Foreign nationals seeking to enter and remain in Canada solely to conduct inspections of the flight operation procedures or cabin safety of a commercial air carrier operating international flights, if they are a civil aviation inspector of a national aeronautical authority and possess valid documentation to that effect.
- Foreign nationals seeking to enter and remain in Canada solely to participate as an accredited representative or as an adviser to an aviation accident or incident investigation conducted under the Canadian Transportation Accident Investigation and Safety Board Act, if they possess valid documentation to that effect.

Travel documents

To enter Canada you must hold a valid passport at all times, and in some cases, a visa. Please check the Invitation letter info section provided on this webpage to know how you can obtain an invitation letter from the conference and apply to get a travel visa for entry into Canada.

Identification requirements for U. S. citizens and permanent residents

If you are a U.S. citizen, ensure you carry proof of citizenship such as a passport, birth certificate, a certificate of citizenship or naturalization, or a Certificate of Indian Status along with photo identification. If you are a U.S. permanent resident, ensure you carry proof of your status such as a U.S. Permanent Resident Card.

For all modes of entry, we recommend you carry a valid passport for all travel abroad, including visits to Canada from the United States. A passport may be required by your airline or alternative transportation authority, as it is the only universally-accepted identification document.

Citizens and permanent residents of the United States who are members of the NEXUS or FAST programs may present their membership cards to the CBSA as proof of identity and as documents that denote citizenship, when arriving by land or marine modes only.

All visitors arriving from or transiting through the United States are encouraged to visit the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Web site for information concerning the U.S. Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative, and the requirements to enter or return to the United States.

Identification requirements for international visitors

The Government of Canada requires that all travellers carry a valid passport because it is the only reliable and universally-accepted travel and identification document for the purpose of international travel.

International transportation companies such as airlines may require travellers to present a passport. Therefore, travellers may face delays or may not be allowed to board the aircraft or other mode of transportation, if they present other documents.

When you enter Canada, a border services officer may ask to see your passport and a valid visa (if you are arriving from a country for which one is required). Visit the [Citizenship and Immigration Canada](#) website to find out what travel documents you need to come to Canada. We remind all travellers you must carry proof of citizenship such as a birth certificate, a certificate of citizenship or naturalization or a Certificate of Indian Status along with photo identification.

Transport companies, such as airlines, must make sure you have proper, valid travel documents. **If you do not have the proper documents, you may be delayed or unable to board the plane.**

The following travel documents are not considered reliable.

You cannot use them to enter Canada:

- passports supposedly issued by Somalia,
- non-machine readable passports issued by the Czech Republic,
- temporary passports issued by the Republic of South Africa and
- provisional passports issued by Venezuela.

Determine your eligibility – What you need to visit Canada as a tourist

Most travellers need a valid entry document such as an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) or a visa to visit Canada. This will depend on your citizenship or your situation.

Basic requirements

To visit Canada, you will need to meet some basic requirements, such as:

- have a valid travel document, such as a passport,
- be in good health,
- have no criminal or immigration-related convictions,
- convince an immigration officer that you will leave Canada at the end of your visit, and
- have enough money for your stay. (The amount of money you will need can vary. It depends on things such as how long you will stay, and whether you will stay in a hotel, or with friends or
- a letter of invitation

Letter of invitation

The letter of invitation helps the visa officer assess the purpose of the trip and the resources the applicants require during their stay in Canada.

The Citizenship and Immigration Canada's Special Event Code for our conference event is **17VECO**.

Including this code in the letter of invitation will facilitate the processing of visa applications.

Submission of Applications

Canada does not have a visa office in every country so it is important that delegates visit the website of the [visa office responsible for processing their visa applications](#). Information is available on the website on how to submit a visa application and the documentation required.

Delegates are encouraged to submit their visa applications well in advance of the date of the event at a [Visa Application Centre](#) or on-line E-applications (e-Apps).

How to request an invitation letter?

Please answer YES to the visa question while completing your registration.

More information

www.canadainternational.gc.ca

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