

CANADIAN VISA AND ENTRY INFORMATION

Those persons travelling to Canada must ensure that they have obtained either a Temporary Resident Visa (TRV) or an electronic Travel Authorization (eTA). To this end, the following procedures must be observed by the participants.

1. *Canadian visa requirements*

- a) States and territories, of which the citizens need a TRV to enter Canada, are listed on the IRCC website: [Find out if you need a visa to travel to Canada](#).
- b) It is recommended to submit the TRV application **eight weeks prior to departure**. A processing times tool is available on the IRCC website: [Check processing times](#).
- c) Citizens of some States and territories who need a TRV to enter Canada are also required to give their **biometrics**, more information on which is available at: [Facts about biometrics](#). The following individuals are exempt from biometric enrolment, including fees: (i) Heads of State and Heads of Government; and (ii) designated delegates, alternates and advisers of Member States who qualify for or hold a diplomatic or official visa.

2. *Visa Applications*

- a) Except for visa-exempt visitors, it is strongly recommended that an application for a TRV be submitted to IRCC through an **Online Application** by following this link: [Steps to apply for a visitor visa - Canada.ca](#).
- b) Alternatively, in specific cases where participants are unable to apply online, they may do so through a **Visa Application Centre (VAC)**. Additional instructions can be found at the following link: [How to apply on paper for a visitor visa - Canada.ca](#). In order to facilitate the issuance of visas, applications and envelopes should be marked “**ICAO**”.
- c) In addition to the requested personal information and other required documents, individuals should indicate that they are coming at the invitation of ICAO and include copy of State letter AN 13/66-22/31 of 25 April 2022.

3. *ICAO letter of support to visa applications*

- a) Requests for such letters must be submitted to ICAO in the form of an **official letter** from government authorities of Member States. Requests will be assessed and, if approved, a visa-support letter will be provided.
- b) Such letters may be provided to officially appointed members of ICAO panels and working groups.
- c) Members of international organizations and academia may be eligible for visa-support letters if they are included in formal governmental requests, or formally regularized by ICAO as members of an ICAO Panel or working group.
- d) Requests should contain the personal data of the event participants, i.e. full name, title (including entity/authority or place of work), date of birth, nationality and passport number.
- e) A scanned copy of the request letter, on official letterhead, could be accepted however requests written in the body of an email will **not** be accepted.
- f) Copy of the visa-support letter provided by ICAO must be attached to the online or paper visa application to be submitted to the Canadian Visa Office or VAC, in compliance with existing immigration requirements.

4. *Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA)*

In the absence of a TRV, visa-exempt visitors travelling to Canada by air must have an eTA. It is recommended that applications for eTA be submitted well in advance of flying to Canada. More information is available on the IRCC website: [Electronic Travel Authorization \(eTA\)](#)

5. *COVID-19 pandemic: Travel, testing and borders* (updated 6 February 2023)

For all travellers entering Canada by air, land or marine mode:

- Proof of COVID-19 vaccination is **not required**
- Pre-board testing is not required, except:
 - [COVID-19 emergency air travel requirements for China, Hong Kong and Macao](#) **In effect**
- COVID-19 pre-entry and arrival tests are **not required**
- Quarantine after you enter Canada is **not required**
- Using [ArriveCAN](#) is **not required, but**
 - to save time at the border, you can use the ArriveCAN customs and immigration feature to complete your declaration in advance if you're flying into a participating international airport
- Pre-boarding tests for cruise passengers are **not required**
- As always, [travel documents](#) are required
- Health checks to board planes and trains are **not required**
- Wearing masks on planes and trains is **not required**
 - It's strongly recommended that you wear a [well-constructed and well-fitted mask or respirator](#) while you travel

If you have [symptoms of COVID-19](#), you shouldn't travel to Canada.

If you feel sick or experience any symptoms of COVID-19 during your travel to Canada or upon arrival, you should:

- inform the flight attendant, cruise staff or a border services officer upon arrival. You may be referred to a Quarantine Officer for a health assessment and further direction.
- avoid taking public transportation
- check [provincial or territorial requirements](#) for what you need to do if you're symptomatic or have tested positive for COVID-19

6. *Arriving in Canada*

In order to facilitate entry formalities upon arrival into Canada, it is suggested that participants carry a copy of the document notifying that they are participants at an ICAO meeting. **It is NOT possible to obtain a visa upon arrival in Canada, at the point of entry.**