



FLYING TO CANADA?

OUR ENTRY REQUIREMENTS ARE CHANGING
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- To provide an overview of what Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) is and how it works
- To explain how to apply for an eTA
- To discuss who, from the ICAO community, would need an eTA before traveling to Canada
- To answer your questions 😊

Background



A hand in a blue sleeve holds a dark blue passport with the word "PASSPORT" in yellow. A yellow eTA sticker is on the bottom left. A red line points from the text "eTA" to the sticker.

- eTA is a key deliverable of the Canada-U.S. Beyond the Border Action Plan. It allows Canada to screen visa-exempt travellers before they board their flight.
- Canada's eTA mirrors the U.S. Electronic System Travel Authorization (ESTA).



A white airplane with a red nose and tail, flying to the right.

Exceptions include American citizens and travellers with a valid visa.



Who do we mean when we talk about visa-exempt foreign nationals?

- There are foreign nationals who do not need a visa or other kind of screening documentation (other than a passport or other valid travel document) to come to Canada.
- Examples of visa-exempt countries: UK, France, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Spain, the Netherlands, Belgium, Australia and New Zealand.
- For the complete list of visa-exempt countries, see: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas-all.asp#exemptions>

What is an eTA?



- A **new entry requirement** for visa-exempt foreign nationals **travelling to Canada by air**
- eTA is electronically linked to a traveller's passport and is valid for five years or until the passport expires, whichever comes first.
- More than **3 million travelers** a year will need to get one.

Simple, online application process



- Applying for an eTA is an easy, inexpensive online process that will take just a few minutes.
- Travellers just need their passport, a credit card, and an email address.
- It only costs \$7 Canadian.
- Applications can be made on any device with an internet connection, **including mobile phones**, so last-minute applications can be accommodated.
- Will be encouraging travellers to get their eTA before booking their flights.
- Most eTA applicants will be approved within minutes.



After Applying



A successful application will generate an electronically stored authorization linked to the foreign national's passport number.

Should an application require further review:

- In Canada processing will resolve any straightforward issues, such as discrepancies in biographic information;
- If an officer determines that a more in-depth examination or interview is required, a referral to overseas mission is made, where further assessments will be conducted in the same manner as is currently done for TRV applications. An officer will have requested additional documentation if required.
- There will be no refusals without human intervention.

Detailed descriptions of the fields on the application form will be available in several international languages:

- English and French
- Arabic, German, Japanese, Korean, Chinese, Portuguese, Spanish, Italian

Upon submission of payment and completed eTA application, clients will receive an automated confirmation email



eTA Timelines



August 1, 2015

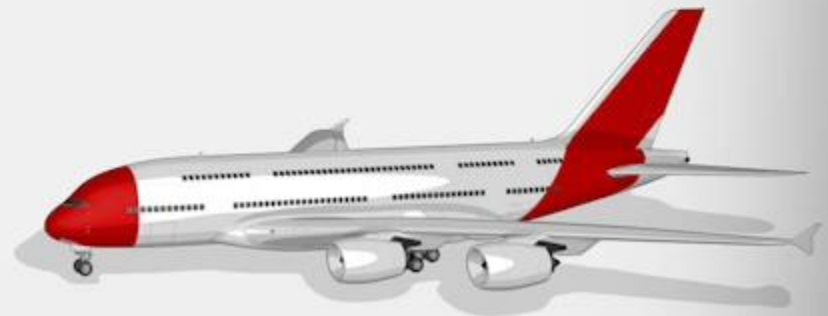
Since August 1, 2015, travellers are able to apply for an eTA online.



March 15, 2016

As of March 15, 2016, travellers are expected to have an eTA before they board a flight to Canada. An eTA is not required for entry by land or sea.

eTA “enrolment” period – August 1, 2015 to March 14, 2016 – gives travellers the time to learn about and obtain their eTA before it becomes mandatory.



eTA: Exemptions



- Nationals of the United States
- Holders of valid Temporary Resident visas
- **Foreign diplomats accredited in Canada by the Department of Global Affairs Canada**
- Queen Elizabeth II and members of the Royal Family
- Select civil aviation personnel (flight crew, flight safety advisors, accident investigators)
- French residents of St. Pierre and Miquelon arriving from St. Pierre and Miquelon
- Foreign military personnel carrying out duties under the *Visiting Forces Act*
- Foreign nationals seeking re-entry from a contiguous territory with prior status in Canada
- Foreign nationals holding a valid U.S. document travelling to and from the U.S. who are passengers on a flight stopping in Canada for the sole purpose of refuelling
- Foreign nationals transiting Canada under the Transit Without Visa and China Transit Program
- Foreign nationals onboard flights diverted to Canada for medical, mechanical, or other emergency reasons

A comprehensive list of eTA exemptions is available at: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas-all.asp#eta-exemptions>



Can diplomats who are not accredited in Canada, but accredited elsewhere, travel to Canada without an eTA?

- No. All visa-exempt diplomats who have been accredited by a country other than Canada will need an eTA. Diplomats who are accredited in Canada do not need an eTA.

Do VIPs, Heads of State or diplomats need an eTA to travel to Canada?

- Yes, visa-exempt foreign nationals, including VIPs, Heads of State and diplomats, need an eTA. Diplomats who are already accredited in Canada are exempt.



You are accredited in Canada and have friends or relatives coming from a visa-exempt country who wants to visit you. Will they need an eTA?

- Yes. Visa-exempt foreign nationals will need an eTA even if they are invited by a diplomate accredited in Canada.

Can more than one person, including dependents, be included in an eTA application?

- No. Each person must submit a separate eTA application. If your child or children appear on your passport, a separate eTA application must be submitted for each child. All eTA-required travellers, regardless of their age, will need an eTA when they fly to Canada.



You are a permanent resident of Canada. Do you need an eTA if you leave and want to return to Canada by air?

- No, you will not need an eTA if you are a permanent resident of Canada. However, you will need to travel with your permanent resident card of Canada. Otherwise, you may not be able to board your flight to Canada.

When will citizens from Brazil, Bulgaria, Mexico and Romania be able to apply for an eTA?

- Soon after March 2016, citizens from Brazil, Bulgaria, Mexico and Romania may be eligible to apply for an eTA when travelling to Canada by air.
- To be eligible for an eTA, these travellers will need to show that they have held a Canadian visa in the last 10 years or hold a valid U.S. non-immigration visa.
- In the meantime, these travellers need a valid visa to enter Canada.

Other useful links



- Help Center- Q&A on eTA:
 - <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/helpcentre/results-by-topic.asp?st=16.7>
- Find out if you need an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) or a visitor visa:
 - <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp>
- Application for an eTA:
 - <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/eta-start.asp>
- All you need to know on eTA:
 - Canada.ca/eTA

Video - eTA



Watch the video: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/department/media/multimedia/video/visitcanada/visitcanada.asp>

Questions?



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