

Flying to Canada?

You may need an Electronic Travel Authorization



What is an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA)?

An eTA is an entry requirement for **visa-exempt foreign nationals** travelling to Canada **by air**. These travellers **do not need an eTA** when arriving by **car, bus, train, or boat, including cruise ships**.

Who needs an eTA?

- Citizens from [visa-exempt countries](#) need to obtain an eTA before flying to or transiting through a Canadian airport. **Exceptions** include **U.S. citizens** and **travellers with a valid Canadian visa**.
- **Lawful permanent residents of the U.S.** need an eTA and their U.S. Green Card to fly to Canada.
- **Study and work permit holders from visa-exempt countries** – your permit is not a travel document. You need an eTA to **fly to Canada**. You will get an eTA automatically when your permit is approved.

Who else may be able to get an eTA?

- Some citizens from [select visa-required countries](#) may be eligible to apply for an eTA, instead of a visa, to travel to Canada by air. However, these travellers still **need a visitor visa** when arriving by **car, bus, train, or boat, including cruise ships**.

Who cannot apply for an eTA?

- **Canadian citizens**, including **dual citizens**, need a [valid Canadian passport](#) to fly to Canada.
- **Canadian permanent residents (PR)** need to travel with their valid [Canadian PR card](#) or [PR travel document \(PRTD\)](#) and valid passport.
- **Important - former residents of Canada: PR status does not expire. If you once lived in Canada, you could still have PR status. See [options available](#) to avoid travel delays.**

When should I apply for an eTA?

It is best to **apply before booking your flight to Canada**. While most eTAs are approved within minutes, some applications **can take several days** to process.

How do I apply for an eTA?

Don't get scammed: **Only apply for an eTA at the official Government of Canada website, Canada.ca/eTA.**

Applying is a simple online process. All you need is your passport, a debit or credit card, an email address and Internet access. It costs **\$7 CAD** to apply and is valid for up to five years.

Avoid this common mistake when applying for an eTA!

If you enter the wrong passport number on the eTA form, you will have problems flying to Canada. **Use the [eTA help guide](#)** and follow the instructions to enter your passport number correctly. Use the number that is at the **top of your passport information page** – the page with your photo.

Confirm passport number is correct

Avoid hassles at the airport: [Once your eTA is approved](#), check that the passport number included in your **eTA approval email matches the number in your passport. If they don't match, you need to **apply for a new eTA**.**

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