



International Education Centre Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) & Biometrics

Citizens of all visa-exempt countries (excluding the United States) require an eTA before boarding a plane to Canada.

If one or more statements apply to you, then you do **NOT** need to apply for an eTA.

- A citizen of the United States
- A visitor entering Canada by land or sea
- A temporary resident with a valid Canadian visa
*NOTE: as an international student, you are considered a temporary resident of Canada
- A person holding valid status in Canada and entering Canada from the United States or St. Pierre and Miquelon
- An accredited diplomat
- A member of Visiting Forces visiting Canada on official duties/orders
- A member of flight crew, a civil aviation inspector or an accident investigator
- A citizen of France residing in and travelling from St. Pierre and Miquelon
- A Canadian permanent resident

You should apply for your eTA several days before you travel. The cost for the eTA application is \$7 CAD and the application is made online. An eTA is a paperless identification code that is connected electronically to your passport. The eTA will be valid for five years or until the expiry of your passport, whichever comes first.

Apply online: <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/visit-canada/eta/apply.html>

To complete the online form, you need the following:

1. a valid passport from a visa-exempt country
2. a credit card
3. and a valid email address.

You need to provide the following information on the form: Your name, contact information, current address, date of birth, city you were born in, funds for your stay in Canada, countries of citizenship, and your passport information (ie. issue date, expiry date).



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Biometrics (Fingerprints and Photo)

Visitor visa, study and work permit applicants

When you apply for a visitor visa, study or work permit (except U.S. nationals), or permanent residence you will need to give your fingerprints and a photo. You only need to give your biometrics once every 10 years. If you have previously provided biometrics within this time period, you likely will not have to provide them again.

You will need to go in-person to an official biometrics collection service location:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/campaigns/biometrics/where-to-give-biometrics.html>

How much it costs

Individual applicants: **CAD\$85**

Families applying together at the same time: **maximum total fee of CAD\$170**

