



Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA)

On **March 15, 2016** citizens of all visa-exempt countries (excluding the United States) will require an eTA before boarding a plane to Canada. Application for an eTA is now available online.

International students from visa-exempt countries who get their study permit on or after **August 1, 2015** will automatically be issued an eTA along with their study permit. **However, students who obtained a study permit before August 1, 2015 MUST apply for an eTA if they plan to leave and re-enter Canada by air in the future.**

The eTA requirement will also affect students from the visa-exempt countries who are planning to study in Canada without a study permit (i.e. exchange students studying for less than 6 months), as well as visiting family members or friends. Work permit holders from visa-exempt countries will also require an eTA.

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.

How to apply for an eTA

You should apply for your eTA several days before you travel. The cost for the eTA application is **\$7.00 CAD** and the application is made online.

Apply for your eTA online: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/eta-start.asp>

To complete the online form, you need the following:

1. a valid passport from a visa-exempt country
2. a credit card Visa, MasterCard, American Express (if you don't have a credit card, you can purchase a prepaid card)
3. 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 (e.g. issue date, expiry date).