



ELECTRONIC TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION (ETA)

What is an eTA?

An eTA is an entry requirement for visa-exempt people travelling to Canada. It allows Canada to screen travelers before they arrive.

Am I from a country whose nationals are required to hold an eTA?

To check if you are from a country whose nationals require an eTA to enter Canada, please see the IRCC website: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas-all.asp>.

How do I apply for an eTA?

- You can apply for an eTA online: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/eta-start.asp>
- eTA approval is usually provided within minutes.
- The application fee is \$7 CAD.

Who may need to apply for an eTA?

- Students with a Study Permit **issued before August 1st, 2015** from countries that **do not** require a TRV to enter Canada;
- Students who have obtained a Study Permit extension inside of Canada from countries that **do not** require a TRV to enter Canada; and
- **1-term** exchange/visiting/ELP students from countries that **do not** require a TRV to enter Canada and who do not have a Study Permit.

Who does NOT need to apply for an eTA*?

Students

- with an initial study permit issued on or after **August 1st, 2015 at a Port of Entry** (the eTA should have been linked automatically with your passport when issued the study permit);
- from countries whose nationals are required to hold a TRV to enter Canada;
- who are nationals or citizens of the United States;
- who are travelling to Canada by sea or land;
- who are already in Canada and are not planning to leave Canada; and
- who are already in Canada with a valid Study Permit and only plan to leave Canada to visit the United States.

What is a Temporary Resident Visa?

A Temporary Resident Visa (TRV) is the official document showing you meet the requirements to enter Canada. The TRV is a sticker that is pasted into your passport. If you have a TRV, you DO NOT need to apply for an eTA.

The TRV looks similar to the picture below:



What do I need to apply for an eTA?

You will need a valid passport, credit card, and email address. You will also need to provide your name, date and place of birth, gender, marital status, address, nationality, and passport number. You will also be asked background questions.

When should I apply for an eTA?

You can apply for an eTA any time before your travels. Although approval is usually granted in minutes, it is better to apply as far in advance as possible in case extra processing is required.

How long is the eTA valid?

Once granted, the eTA is valid for whichever of the following comes first:

- five years;
- expiry of your passport;
- cancelation of the eTA; or
- Issuance of a new eTA.

How do I get more information?

- Visit the IRCC website: www.cic.gc.ca
 - Contact International Immigrant and Refugee Student Services at iss@uwinipeg.ca or 204-786-9469.
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* To see a full list of eTA exemptions, please see the IRCC website:

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas-all.asp>

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