



eTA Canada

Important information about the eTA for Canada

If you are flying to Canada, you are required to apply for a visa or eTA before departure. Unless you possess a Canadian or US passport, this is a mandatory requirement.

Mandatory	Yes
Suited for	Tourism, business trips, transfers
Validity	5 years, for multiple trips
Length of stay	Maximum 6 months per stay
Normal delivery time	Within 72 hours
Urgent delivery	Average 18 minutes
Cost	£19.95 per person
Payment methods	Visa, MasterCard, American Express, PayPal

Applying for an eTA Canada can be easily done with the digital application form. Open the form by pressing the button below or by going to <https://e-visa.co.uk/canada>

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For whom?

All travellers with British or Irish nationality are required to have an eTA (electronic Travel Authorization) before being allowed to check in for flights to Canada. This also applies to children. Only travellers in possession of a Canadian visa or passport are not subject to this requirement.

Are you unsure whether you need an eTA or a visa? First check whether you meet the requirements for the eTA. If you do, applying for an eTA Canada is the easiest and cheapest way to travel to Canada.

Validity and requirements

The eTA Canada is valid for trips with a business purpose, a tourist purpose, a visit to friends or family, a transfer in Canada and for studying in Canada. Only travellers who meet all the requirements are eligible for an eTA Canada. Travellers who do not meet these requirements and still apply for an eTA may get into trouble before or after arrival in Canada.

The requirements that apply to usage of the eTA are:

- The trip concerns a business trip, study, holiday, visit to friends or family or a transfer
- The maximum stay in Canada is six months
- The traveller is not employed by a Canadian employer
- A ticket for the return journey has already been booked on entry
- It can be demonstrated that sufficient financial resources are available to cover the cost of the stay in Canada
- The journey does not pose a threat to the safety and/or public health of Canada and its citizens (no criminal record and no contagious serious diseases allowed)
- No visa application has been refused before, including by a country other than Canada

The eTA is granted for a period of five years. This means that multiple trips can be made with the same eTA. It does not matter whether the destination is the same each time or differs per trip. For each trip, however, all the requirements listed in this document must be met.

Each stay in Canada (on an eTA) can last up to six months. Do you want to stay longer than six months? If so, you will need to apply for a visa before you leave for Canada. The eTA is linked to the passport number filled in when applying for the eTA. Once the passport with this number expires, you will no longer be able to travel to Canada. Has your passport expired and have you received a new passport from your local authority? Then you will need to apply for an eTA again with the new passport.

How to apply

The eTA is relatively easy to obtain. Applications work via a digital online application form. In this form you fill in information about yourself, your trip, your employer and your background (security questions). It is also possible to submit this form on behalf of someone else, or for several travellers at once using a single form. The latter saves a lot of time and effort, as several questions only need to be filled in once rather than for each individual traveller.

Once the form has been completed and the applicant has read and agreed to the statement of agreement, the payment has to be made. This can be done with Visa, MasterCard, American Express or PayPal. After approval (usually within 72 hours), the applicant will receive an e-mail. This contains a link to the status page of the application. This status page shows whether the eTA has been approved for each completed traveller. You can also download a confirmation of the granting of each eTA applied for. It is not necessary to print this confirmation.

Checking if you possess an eTA Canada is carried out by the airline that takes you to Canada. Airlines carry out this check at check-in for the flight. This is done on the basis of your passport number. It may happen that the airline is not aware of the granting of the eTA in the first quarter of an hour after approval, due to a slight delay in the computer systems of a number of airlines. If you have received a valid eTA and are unable to check in immediately, it is therefore advisable to try again half an hour later.

Are you already at the airport, and you don't have time to wait half an hour? If so, you can often check in at the desk and provide your J-number. The J-number is a confirmation number that you will receive after the eTA has been issued to you. You can find this number on the status page of your application (the link which you received in an e-mail after the application was granted).

Urgent applications

If you wish to check in for a flight to Canada within 72 hours of applying for an eTA Canada, it is recommended that you submit an urgent application. For a surcharge of £17.50 per person, the application will be approved within an average of 18 minutes. However, due to possible manual assessment of the eTA application by the Canadian immigration service, this cannot be guaranteed.