**New Travel Entry Requirements for Canada Now in Effect**

**Foreign Nationals previously exempt from visa requirements to enter Canada,**  are now required to apply for an online [Electronic Travel Authorization](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/eta.asp) (eTA) to fly to or transit through Canada. [Exceptions](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas-all.asp#eta-exemptions) who are not required to apply for an eTA include - U.S. citizens, travelers with a valid Canadian visa. Canadian citizens, including [dual citizens](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/dual-canadian-citizens.asp), and [Canadian permanent residents](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/newcomers/about-pr.asp).

Lists of countries whose citizens are now required to apply for an ETA can be found at the following website <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas-all.asp>

The leniency period that allows travelers to board their flight without an eTA for Canada ends November 9, 2016. Find answers to [questions about applying for an eTA](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/helpcentre/results-by-topic.asp?st=16.7) during this period.

**Be Prepared**: [Apply for an eTA](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/eta-start.asp) **before** you book your flight to Canada. Most applicants get approved within minutes. However, per the Canadian Embassy, some applications can take several days or weeks to process so don’t wait until the last minute.

For more information see: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/apply-who.asp>

**U.S. Citizens Traveling to Canada**

U.S. citizens entering Canada require a valid U.S. passport.   An eTA or visa is not required for U.S. citizens to visit Canada for up to 180 days.  Anyone seeking to enter Canada for any purpose besides a visit (e.g. to work, business, study or immigrate) must qualify for the appropriate entry status, and should contact the Canadian Embassy or nearest consulate. US  [BUSINESS TRAVELERS](http://www.cic.gc.ca/EnGLish/visit/business-checklist.asp) traveling to Canada on business should carry with them, as appropriate to their circumstances, either a letter from their employer identifying the activities they will perform in Canada and the duration of their visit or a letter of invitation from a Canadian business outlining the reasons for the visit.

Contact International Services Office at x7687 (Sue Ewing) or x6119 (Tara Tyndall) with questions.