



Tips for Travellers to Canada

- Have proper identification.
- Make sure that you are carrying proper identification for yourself and any children travelling with you in the vehicle. A passport is not mandatory for entry into Canada but it is a preferable piece of identification. If you are a Canadian or American citizen or a permanent resident of either country, other acceptable identification includes the following:
 - an enhanced driver's licence;
 - a birth certificate with accompanying photo identification (such as a regular driver's licence);
 - a permanent residence or green card;
 - a citizenship card or a certificate of citizenship or naturalization; or
 - a Certificate of Indian Status.
- Keep in mind that the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) is now in effect. This is a U.S. law that requires all travellers to the United States to present a valid passport or another approved secure document at the border. One of the following valid documents is now required to enter the United States by land or water:
 - a passport;
 - a NEXUS card;
 - a Free and Secure Trade (FAST) card;
 - an enhanced driver's licence/enhanced identification card; or
 - a Secure Certificate of Indian Status (when this certificate is available and approved by the United States).
- More information is available on the CBSA website at: www.cbsa.gc.ca
- Check border wait times.
- For your travelling convenience, the CBSA provides hourly updates on its website on border wait times. Should you be travelling to Canada via land (driving), we encourage you to visit our website for general idea of anticipated wait times at the border crossing of your choice and/or make alternate arrangements.
- You can access our website at: www.cbsa.gc.ca
- A wireless version of Border Wait Times is also available as part of the Government of Canada's [Wireless Portal](http://canada.gc.ca/mobile/wireless-eng.html) at: <http://canada.gc.ca/mobile/wireless-eng.html>
- Immigration: Know before you arrive at the Canadian border
- While most criminal convictions, felony or misdemeanor offences make individuals inadmissible to Canada, persons with previous criminality may be eligible to apply for rehabilitation, which would allow a person permanent admissibility to Canada.
- To be eligible, five years must have passed since the completion of a sentence, or if not yet eligible, one can apply for a Temporary Resident Visa, which would allow entry for a certain period of time.
- For more information, please visit: www.cbsa.gc.ca and www.cic.gc.ca