



Visitors to Canada

The following information may be relevant to your visit to Canada.

The Government of Canada requires that all travellers carry a valid passport because it is the only reliable and universally-accepted travel and identification document for the purpose of international travel.

If you are a United States citizen, ensure you carry proof of citizenship such as a passport, birth certificate, a certificate of citizenship or naturalization, a United States Permanent Resident Card, or a Certificate of Indian Status along with photo identification.

When you enter Canada, a border services officer may ask to see your passport and a valid visa (if you are arriving from a country for which one is required <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp>). Make sure you have all the information you need from the Consulate or Embassy of Canada in your country, or on the Citizenship and Immigration Canada website at www.cic.gc.ca/english. We remind all travellers you must carry proof of citizenship such as a birth certificate, a certificate of citizenship or naturalization or a Certificate of Indian Status along with photo identification.

The Canada Border Services Agency (www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/publications/pub/pubs-eng.html) is committed to implementing and delivering border services that are innovative, efficient and secure. We strive to ensure that the arrivals process for travelers, business and newcomers to Canada is as smooth and secure as possible. For information on estimated wait times when crossing the Canada/U.S. land border, travellers may access the CBSA Border Wait Times (www.cbsa.gc.ca/bwt-taf/menu-eng.html).

The Canada Border Services Agency's International Events, in partnership with other Canadian government departments and agencies, assists attendees with guidance on entry requirements specific to events (www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/publications/dm-md/d8/d8-1-2-eng.html).

As a visitor (www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/publications/pub/bsf5119-eng.html), you can bring certain goods into Canada for your own use as "personal baggage." Personal baggage includes clothing, camping and sports equipment, cameras and personal computers. This also includes your mode of transportation, including vehicles, private boats and aircraft.

You must declare (www.beaware.gc.ca/english/toce.shtml) all goods when you arrive at the first CBSA port of entry. Our border services officers conduct examinations of goods being imported or exported to verify declarations. If you declare goods when you arrive and take them back with you when you leave, you will not have to pay any duty or taxes. For further information relating to the temporary importation of baggage and conveyances by non-residents, please visit the Canada Border Services Agency website at: <http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/publications/dm-md/d2/d2-1-1-eng.html>.

For additional information, you may wish to contact the Canada Border Services Agency International Events and Convention Services Coordinator at IECSP-PSEIC@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca.