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## Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA)

The Government of Canada has introduced a new entry requirement, known as an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA), that applies to visa-exempt foreign nationals\* travelling to or transiting Canada by air.

**Effective March 15, 2016, visa-exempt foreign nationals are expected to have an eTA** before they can board a flight to Canada.

Travellers who do not have an eTA can board their flight, as long as they have appropriate travel documents, such as a valid passport.

Note: The leniency period that allows travellers to board their flights without an eTA ends November 9, 2016.

To complete your application for an eTA, you will need your passport, a credit card and an email address. An eTA costs \$7 CAD and is valid for up to five years or until your passport expires, whichever comes first.

Among those exempted from this new requirement are U.S. citizens and travellers with a valid visa. As well, entry requirements for travellers arriving by land or sea have not changed.

To see if the citizens of your country need an eTA or to apply for one, visit the Government of Canada's website:

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

\* A visa-exempt foreign national is a person who is not a citizen of Canada and is not required to obtain a visa for the purpose of travel based on their country of nationality.

## New Dual Citizenship Regulation Takes Effect

Canada's new passport requirements come into effect November 30, 2016, forcing Canadians with dual citizenship to carry a valid Canadian passport to enter the country when travelling by air.

Starting November 30, all air travellers must have the appropriate documents to travel to Canada before boarding their departing flight.

"A valid Canadian passport is the only reliable and universally accepted travel document that provides proof that you are a citizen and have the right to enter Canada without being subjected to immigration screening,"

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/dual-canadian-citizens.asp>

Prior to the change, Canadians who hold dual citizenship were able to enter Canada with their foreign passports and use a driver's licence or citizenship card to prove Canadian citizenship. Now, air travellers must have either a valid Canadian passport; a Canadian temporary passport; or a Canadian emergency travel document for proof of citizenship.

