



IMPORTANT TRAVEL INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS FROM VISA-EXEMPT COUNTRIES

Canada has introduced an eTA (Electronic Travel Authorization) which will soon be required for visitors travelling to Canada by air (including international students) from all **visa-exempt** countries. US citizens or students/visitors that already have a visa do not require an eTA.

On March 15, 2016, this entry requirement will become mandatory and travellers will need an eTA before they can board a flight to Canada. Cost is \$7 CAD and it is recommended that travellers apply for an eTA (which in most cases will be approved in a matter of minutes and notification will be sent by email) before booking flights. Once a traveller has an eTA it will be valid for 5 years or the duration of their passport.

“International students from visa-exempt countries who get their study permit on or after 1 August 2015, will automatically be issued an eTA, along with their permit. However, study permit holders who received their permit on or before 31 July 2015, will need to get an eTA if they plan to leave Canada and return by air, [starting 15 March 2016](#).” Any such students engaged in a longer-term study in Canada (and with a study permit issued before 1 August 2015) must now take care to apply for an eTA before making plans to exit and re-enter Canada after mid-March 2016.