

Dual Canadian citizens: Make sure you fly to Canada with a valid Canadian passport



What is changing?

Starting **September 30, 2016**, Canadian citizens, including dual citizens, will need to show proof they are Canadian to board their flight to Canada.

What travel document will I need?

To fly to Canada effective September 30, 2016, the **only acceptable proof** that you are a Canadian citizen is:

- a valid Canadian passport;
- a Canadian temporary passport; or
- a Canadian emergency travel document.

A **valid Canadian passport** is the only reliable and universally accepted travel document that proves you are a citizen and have the right to enter Canada.

Why can't I continue to fly to Canada on my other passport (i.e. non-Canadian passport)?

If your other citizenship is from a country whose citizens do not need a visa to enter Canada, such as the United Kingdom, France or Germany, you may be used to flying to Canada using your other passport.

You should be aware that Canada's entry rules have changed:

Since March 15, 2016, travellers who do not need a visa to enter Canada now need an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) to fly to or transit through Canada. As a Canadian citizen, you are not eligible to apply for an eTA because it was set up to screen foreigners for admissibility to enter Canada.

Every Canadian has the right to enter Canada and is not subject to immigration screening, whether through the eTA or visa application process. Travelling with a valid Canadian passport proves you are a citizen. Questions? Visit Canada.ca/eTA.

What if I try to fly to Canada without a valid Canadian passport on or after September 30, 2016?

You may not be able to board your flight. If this happens to you:

- There are **no quick fixes** to help you get on your flight; and
- You will need to contact the nearest Government of Canada office abroad to get the appropriate document.

To ensure travelling to Canada remains easy and stress free, travel with a valid Canadian passport!

When should I apply for my Canadian passport?

As it can take time to get a Canadian passport, you should apply for one as soon as you can.

How much does it cost to get a passport?

The fee you pay is based on what you are applying for, and where you are applying from. For example:

Passport fees - Canadians applying outside Canada and the United States

Passport type	CAN\$
5-year adult passport (age 16 or over)	190
10-year adult passport (age 16 or over)	260
Child passport (0-15 years of age)	100

All fees are available at Canada.ca/passport.

Where can I learn more about getting a passport?

You can find information about how to apply for or renew your Canadian passport at Canada.ca/passport. You can also visit travel.gc.ca/assistance//embassies-consulates and contact the closest Government of Canada office for more information.

