



## REQUIREMENTS FOR MEXICAN CITIZENS TRAVELLING TO CANADA

**Effective as of 11:30 p.m. on February 29, 2024, Mexican citizens need to meet new requirements to travel to Canada.**

Full details are available on the Government of Canada's website: [www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/campaigns/eta-work-visa-mexico.html](https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/campaigns/eta-work-visa-mexico.html)

### SUMMARY OF CHANGES

- ◇ Mexican citizens need to meet new requirements to be eligible for an electronic travel authorization (eTA).
- ◇ Mexican citizens who already had eTAs prior to the new requirements coming into effect **will have their eTAs cancelled** unless they also have a valid work or study permit.
- ◇ Mexican citizens with an eTA application in progress will need to apply for a new eTA or for a visitor visa.
- ◇ Before travelling to Canada, Mexican citizens will need to apply for a new eTA (if eligible).
- ◇ If no longer eligible for an eTA, Mexican citizens will need to apply for a visitor visa to travel to Canada.

**These changes apply even to Mexican citizens who already have travel to Canada booked. Having pre-booked travel plans or a previously valid eTA does not guarantee approval for a new eTA or visa.**

### NEW ETA ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Mexican citizens are eligible for an eTA if they meet **all of these three (3) requirements**:

- ◇ In possession of a valid Mexican passport to fly to Canada or to transit through a Canadian airport to another destination.
- ◇ Coming to Canada for a short visit (normally for stays of up to 6 months).
- ◇ Have held a Canadian visitor visa (temporary resident visa) in the past 10 years **OR** currently hold a valid United States non-immigrant visa.

**IMPORTANT: An eTA is for air travel only.** Even if eligible for an eTA, Mexican citizens will need a visitor visa if planning to travel to Canada by car, bus, train or boat, including a cruise ship.

**Apply for an eTA using this link:**

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/visit-canada/eta.html>



## CANADIAN VISITOR VISA

**Mexican citizens not eligible for an eTA require a visitor visa to travel to Canada.** A visitor visa is an official document that gets put in a passport to indicate a traveller meets the requirements to travel to Canada.

Most visitor visas issued by Canada are multiple-entry visas, which are valid for up to 10 years.

### Apply for a visitor visa using this link:

[www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/visit-canada/visitor-visa.html](http://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/visit-canada/visitor-visa.html)

- ◇ Those travelling soon should indicate in their application the urgent and/or compelling reason for travel. While this information may be considered when the application is processed, requests for urgent/expedited processing are not guaranteed.

### Check current visa processing times using this link:

[www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/application/check-processing-times.html](http://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/application/check-processing-times.html)

## ETA OR VISITOR VISA?

Mexican citizens unsure of they require an eTA or visitor visa to travel to Canada can answer a few simple questions on the Government of Canada's website to determine their eligibility:

<https://ircc.canada.ca/english/visit/visas.asp>

## BOARDING A FLIGHT TO CANADA

Mexican citizens boarding a flight to Canada must:

- ◇ Travel with **the same** passport used to apply for their eTA.
- ◇ If applicable, travel with passport containing a valid work or study permit.

It is also recommend travellers bring:

- ◇ A printed copy and a digital copy of their eTA confirmation email.
- ◇ Old passports if it contains either an expired Canadian visitor visa (temporary resident visa) or a valid US non-immigrant visa)

### Visit the Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada website for full details:

[www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/campaigns/eta-work-visa-mexico.html](http://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/campaigns/eta-work-visa-mexico.html)

### Español:

[www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/campaigns/eta-work-visa-mexico-es.html](http://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/campaigns/eta-work-visa-mexico-es.html)