

Travel Information for U.S. Citizens

Information can be found here: <http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/travel-voyage/ifvc-rpvc-eng.html>

U.S. citizens do not require a temporary resident visa (TRV). U.S. Citizens must carry proof of citizenship such as a:

- Passport (recommended)
- Birth certificate
- Certificate of citizenship or naturalization
- U.S. permanent resident card (green card)
- Certificate of Indian status

If these documents do not contain their photograph, they will be asked for a driver's licence or other identification. For all modes of entry, we recommend you carry a valid passport for all travel abroad, including visits to Canada from the United States. A passport may be required by your airline or alternative transportation authority, as it is the only universally-accepted identification document. Citizens and permanent residents of the United States who are members of the NEXUS or FAST programs may present their membership cards to the CBSA as proof of identity and as documents that denote citizenship, when arriving by land or marine modes only.

What documentation is required for children travelling to Canada?

Canada has laws and regulations to protect children and to prevent abduction. If delegates are travelling with a child (17 years of age or younger), they should carry:

- A valid passport or an appropriate travel document (see previous question for more information) for each child;
- A letter of permission from the child's non-accompanying parent or legal guardian when travelling with a child who is not legally their own and;
- Copies of legal documents regarding custody rights if custody is shared.

Travel Visa Information for Non-U.S. Citizens

Many countries now require a temporary residence visa (TRV) for entry to Canada. The full list of countries can be found here: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas-all.asp>

For AESA delegates from countries requiring a TRV

Canada does not have a visa office in every country so it is important that participants visit the website of the visa office responsible for processing their visa application for information on how to submit an application for a temporary residence visa (TRV) and the documentation required to support the application. To view a list of visa offices and the countries they serve please go to:

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/ENGLISH/information/offices/apply-where.asp>

How do delegates apply for a TRV?

Information on applying can be found here:

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/resources/publications/meeting.asp#question6>

Visa Applications Processing Times:

Processing time for TRVs vary depending on the office and the time of the year. Participants should be encouraged to apply early for their visa, if one is required, and to submit complete applications including all supporting documents. General processing times at the various visa offices are available at the following link <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/times/temp/visitors.asp>.

For more accurate processing times, applicants should consult the website for the visa office responsible for processing their application.

To find out how to apply for a TRV, please consult the application form and guide at:

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/applications/visa.asp>

All TRV applicants must satisfy CIC that they are visiting Canada for the purpose of participating in the event or meeting. The applicants must demonstrate that they:

- Are in good health (in some cases, a medical examination may be required)
- Do not have a criminal record
- Do not pose a threat to Canada's security
- Have a valid passport or travel document
- Have enough money to support themselves and their dependants while in Canada
- Will leave Canada voluntarily at the end of the period authorized for their stay and
- Meet all other requirements of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act.

A visa officer makes decisions on a case-by-case basis, and the burden of proof lies with the applicant. Applicants may be required to attend an interview with a visa officer before a final decision is made. While the majority of visa applications are accepted, CIC cannot guarantee that every applicant will receive a TRV.

For AESA delegates from countries NOT requiring a TRV :

Information can be found here: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas-all.asp#exemptions>

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. International transportation companies such as airlines may require travellers to present a passport. Therefore, travellers may face delays or may not be allowed to board the aircraft or other mode of transportation, if they present other documents.

AESA Disclaimer:

The information provided here is intended to assist participants who need to obtain a visa to attend the conference and is not an official invitation to cover fees and/or any other expenses or financial support for obtaining a visa. AESA cannot be held responsible for travelers who do not confirm their visa requirements or obtain them before departure. **We strongly advise non-Canadian citizens who need visas to start the application process as early as possible.** Please note that if you are an international student studying in the United States, depending on your citizenship, you may need a Temporary Residence Visa (TRV) for entry into Canada. **Please make sure you travel with your passport and have all required paperwork for entry into Canada and re-entry into the U.S. with you when you travel.**