

Travel Documents for Entering the United States

Land ports of entry

On June 1, 2009, Canadian citizens will be required to present one of the following valid WHTI-compliant documents when entering the United States by land:

- a passport;
- a NEXUS card;
- a FAST card; or
- an EDL or EIC from a province or territory where a U.S.-approved EDL/EIC program has been implemented.

Canadian citizens 15 years of age or under will only require proof of citizenship, such as an original or a copy of a birth certificate, or a Canadian citizenship card. Canadian citizens 18 years of age or under who are travelling with a school or other organized group, under adult supervision with parental/guardian consent may also present proof of citizenship alone.

NOTE: Canadian citizens entering the United States by land but exiting by air must present a valid passport in compliance with U.S. air exit requirements. Refer to the [air travel requirements](#) for more information.

Entry requirements to the United States have not changed for non-Canadian citizens (permanent residents) residing in Canada.

Air ports of entry




Canadian citizens travelling by air to, through or from the United States must present one of the following valid documents:

- a passport; or
- a NEXUS card when used at a kiosk at participating Canadian airports and at all U.S. airports when returning to Canada.

This requirement applies to all travelers, regardless of age, including children.

Accepted documents for entry into the United States

Canadian citizens

	 <u>Air</u>	 <u>Land</u>	 <u>Water</u>
<u>Passport</u>	✓	✓	✓
<u>NEXUS card</u> — The NEXUS program expedites the border clearance process for low-risk, pre-approved travelers entering Canada and the United States.	✓	✓	✓
<u>FAST card</u> — Low-risk, pre-approved commercial importers, carriers and registered drivers can take part in the FAST program to facilitate the movement of pre-approved eligible goods across the Canada–U.S. border.		✓	✓
<u>Enhanced driver's license/enhanced identification card</u>		✓	✓
***Birth certificate or Canadian citizenship card		✓	✓

***Canadian citizens 18 or under (land and water only)

As of June 1, 2009, Canadian citizens 18 years of age or under who are travelling with a school or other organized group, under adult supervision with parental/guardian consent, may present proof of citizenship alone - a birth certificate or a Canadian citizenship card.

***Canadian citizens 15 or under (land and water only)

Canadian citizens 15 years of age or under only require proof of citizenship, such as an original or a copy of a birth certificate, or a Canadian citizenship card.

Entry requirements to the United States have not changed for non-Canadian citizens residing in Canada.