

US border Crossing - Traveling By Land or By Sea – click the links below for additional info.

(from Canada, Mexico, or the Caribbean)

Traveler	Present <i>one of</i> :
Adult with Canadian Citizenship	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Canadian Passport• Enhanced Driver's Licence/ID (EDL) (available in BC, MB, ON, QC; also proposed in NS)• NEXUS/FAST card (pre-approved low-risk travelers only)• Secure Certificate of Indian Status (subject to U.S. government approval)
Children with Canadian Citizenship	<p>For children 15 or younger (or 16-18 years old <i>and</i> traveling with an organized and supervised school, religious, or other youth group – (like <i>Boy Scouts</i>)- wear your uniforms.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• one of the documents allowed for adults (listed above)• a Canadian birth certificate (original, photocopy, or certified copy) - - photo ID is not required• Certificate of Canadian Citizenship <p>For children not traveling with both parents, see "Traveling With Children" at the bottom of this page.</p>

A passport (or NEXUS card) is required to cross the border by air. This applies if your trip includes a flight between a Canadian and American airport (in either direction). However, if you have an Enhanced Driver's Licence, you can still drive across the Canada/U.S. border and take a domestic flight (e.g. drive [Toronto](#) to Buffalo, fly round-trip Buffalo/[Orlando](#), drive back to Toronto).

For typical leisure or business trips to the United States, Canadians do not need to worry about any paperwork before arriving at the border. An immigration application is required for Canadians working or studying in the United States, or staying for more than six months.

Traveling With Children

Because of concerns about child abduction, customs officers may ask for additional information when a child is traveling without both of their parents. Carrying [the right documentation](#) can help resolve these questions quickly.

If a child (under the age of 19) is traveling with only one parent or someone who is not a parent or legal guardian, what paperwork should the adult have to indicate permission or legal authority to have that child in their care?

Due to the increasing incidents of child abductions in disputed custody cases and as possible victims of child pornography, Customs and Border Protection (CBP) strongly recommends that unless the child is accompanied by both parents, the adult have a note from the child's other parent (or, in the case of a child traveling with grandparents, uncles or aunts, sisters or brothers, or friends, a note signed by both parents) stating "I acknowledge that my wife/husband/etc. is traveling out of the country with my son/daughter. He/She/They has/have my permission to do so."