

Visiting Canada Regulations

Canada

Every year, more than 35 million people travel to Canada to enjoy the many opportunities the country has to offer, besides visiting family and friends.

If you want to visit Canada, you **must** first find out if you need a visitor (or a temporary resident) visa.

Many people **do not have to** apply for a visa to visit Canada. These include most European citizens, for example Italians, and United States citizens and permanent residents. However, they **must** carry proper identification for themselves and all children travelling with them. They **mustn't** stay longer than six months. Moreover, if they want to travel to Canada for reasons different from business or pleasure, for example for study or temporary work, they **must** apply for a visa anyway.

Some nationals (China, Indonesia, Thailand, Taiwan or Philippines) **don't have to** apply for a visa if they are on transit to the USA, but they **must** have a valid USA visa.

If your state is not included in the list of exempted nationals or you are a stateless individual you **mustn't** try to enter Canada without a visa, even if you are in transit to another country. You **have to** decide which visa is suitable for your trip: are you going to Canada as a tourist, a visiting relative or a business visitor? In fact, visa application procedures vary according to the type of visa.

All visitors **must** have a valid individual travel document, such as a passport; be in good health and convince an immigration officer that you will leave Canada at the end of your visit and you **must** have enough money for your stay.

► COMPREHENSION EXERCISE 1

Decide if the following statements are true (T) or false (F).

1. ALL foreigners **must** have a visa to enter Canada. _____
2. ALL foreigners **must** carry a passport. _____
3. The maximum permitted stay for non-visa tourists is three months. _____
4. Some nationals need a visa just to transit in Canada. _____
5. There is only one type of visa. _____
6. You **don't have to** be healthy to visit Canada. _____

► COMPREHENSION EXERCISE 2

Choose the correct answer.

- 1) How long can Italians stay in Canada without a visa?
 - a) They **mustn't** stay longer than three months.
 - b) They **mustn't** stay longer than six months.
- 2) Which nationals **don't have to** get a visa if they are in Canada on transit to the USA?
 - a) China, Indonesia, Thailand, Taiwan and Philippines
 - b) Russia, Ukraine, Germany, Switzerland and Poland
- 3) Why do you **have to** decide which type of visa you need before application?
 - a) Because the visa application procedures vary according to the type of visa.
 - b) Because the visa application is expensive.
- 4) What are the basic requirements for entry to Canada? **Check 2 answers**
 - a) All visitors **must** have a valid individual travel document, such as a passport.
 - b) All visitors **must** have lot of luggage.
 - c) All visitors **must** have enough money for their stay.
 - d) All visitors **must** have to stay at customs.