



## NCME Annual Meeting April 4 – 8, 2019 Toronto, Ontario, Canada

**NOTE:** NCME has not yet identified the Headquarters hotel for our meeting, but it will be one of the hotels in the downtown Toronto area. The NCME hotel will be announced in fall, 2019.

Please see the information below to ensure that you have the necessary documentation to travel to Canada. Several resources for more information are linked, but please note that this is not a comprehensive list. For best results, start the process for securing passports or travel visas well in advance, to ensure you are able to travel in April, 2019.

### Visitors to Canada

#### Travel Identification Requirements

- All international travelers must carry acceptable identification and a valid visa (if necessary) when entering Canada. A passport is recommended 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, must make sure that travelers have proper, valid travel documents. **If you do not have the proper documents, you may be delayed or unable to board the plane.** What you need will depend on where you are from, how you are travelling, and what documents you are travelling with.
- Entry into Canada: Canadian law requires that all persons entering Canada carry both proof of citizenship and proof of identity.
- If you do not currently have a valid or up to date passport, please consult with your local authorities.

#### Travel for **U.S. Citizens** to Canada

- A valid U.S. passport, passport card, or NEXUS card satisfies travel identification requirements for U.S. citizens.
- Canadian citizens, including dual citizens, need a valid Canadian passport. American-Canadians can travel with a valid Canadian or U.S. passport.
- All visitors arriving from or transiting through the U.S. are encouraged to visit the [U.S. Customs and Border Protection website](#) for information concerning the U.S. Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative, and the requirements to enter or return to the U.S.

- If you do not have a current and valid US passport, please visit the [US Passport Application](#) website and note that passports can take **4-6 weeks** to arrive. Expedited shipping of 2-3 weeks is available as well at additional costs. More information can be found on the website.

## Travel for **Non-United States Citizens** to Canada

Canada has introduced a new entry requirement, known as an [Electronic Travel Authorization \(eTA\)](#), for visa-exempt foreign nationals travelling to Canada by air. Exceptions include U.S. citizens and travelers with a valid visa. Entry requirements for other methods of travel (land, sea) have not changed.

- A VISA may be required for entrance. To find out if you need a VISA and eTA while travelling to Canada, please visit <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp> and follow the prompts.
- Visa-exempt foreign nationals travelling to Canada should apply for an eTA **before** you book your flight to Canada. Most applicants get approved within minutes. However, some applications can take several days to process so don't wait until the last minute.
- If you do not have a passport please visit [Outside US Passport Website](#) to apply.

## Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA)

- Visa-exempt foreign nationals need an [Electronic Travel Authorization \(eTA\)](#) to fly to or transit through Canada.
- Exceptions include U.S. citizens and travelers with a valid visa. Entry requirements for other methods of travel (land, sea) have not changed.
- Eligible travelers can apply online for an eTA. As of March 15, 2016, this entry is mandatory and travelers will need an eTA before they can board a flight to Canada.

## Travelling to Toronto

- ✈️ [Billy Toronto City Airport Bishop](#), 10 minute drive from Convention Centre
- ✈️ [Toronto Pearson International Airport](#), 25 minute drive from Convention Centre
- **Train:** [Union Station](#), 6 minute drive from Convention Centre

## Currency & Cellular Devices

- The official currency in Canada is **Canadian Dollars**.
- It is highly suggested that you convert your currency to Canadian dollars at your preferred bank before leaving for your trip.
- You can check up to date exchange rates at:  
<https://www.xe.com/currencyconverter/convert/?Amount=1&From=CAD&To=USD>
- Please consider alerting your local bank about your trip to avoid any possible travel restrictions or potential fraud protection.
- Please note that charges and fees may apply when using cell phones in different nations. It is recommended that you contact your local cell phone provider to avoid international travel fees or set up an international roaming plan; some carriers may offer affordable international plans.

## Important Websites

[Canada Entry Requirements by Country](#)

[Travel Advisory FAQ](#)

[Metro Toronto Convention Centre](#)

[U.S. Customs and Border Protection website](#)

[Canada Border Services Agency](#)

[Electronic Travel Authorization \(eTA\)](#)

[NEXUS and Traveler Programs](#)

[US to CAD Currency](#)

[US State Department Travel Website](#)

[Canada Government - Travel & Tourism Website](#)

[US Travel VISA Website](#)

[US Passport Application](#)

[Outside US Passport Website](#)