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Changes in U.S. Entry Requirements

The Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) is a new U.S. law requiring all travellers, including Canadians, to carry a valid passport or other appropriate secure documentation when travelling to, or through, the United States.

Air Travel

As of January 23, 2007, **Canadians entering or transiting** the United States by air must present a valid **Canadian passport** or a **NEXUS card**, when used at a kiosk at designated airports, to confirm their citizenship and identity.

Canadians flying to the United States should apply for a passport, keep it up-to-date and carry it with them when travelling.

Land and Sea Travel

Entry requirements for land and sea travel to the United States will come into effect at a later time. Canadians can continue to use such documents as their birth certificates and drivers' licenses to cross the Canada-U.S. border by land and sea until the WHTI is fully implemented.

Canadian Passport

The Government of Canada continues to recommend that travellers carry a valid **Canadian passport** for all visits abroad, including the United States. A passport is the only universally accepted identification document, and it proves that you have a right to return to Canada. To learn how to obtain a Canadian passport, visit Passport Canada's Web site at www.passportcanada.gc.ca.

NEXUS

The **NEXUS** program is designed to expedite the border clearance process for low risk, pre-approved travellers into Canada and the United States by air, land and sea. NEXUS members can use self-serve kiosks at designated airports, dedicated lanes at land borders and report by telephone at marine ports of entry. For details on NEXUS, visit the Web site at www.nexus.gc.ca or call 1-866-NEXUS-26.

More Information

For more information, visit the Canada Border Services Agency's Web site at www.cbsa.gc.ca or call the [Border Information Service](http://www.borderinformation.gc.ca) toll-free line at 1-800-461-9999.