



Ethiopian Student Association International
Travelling to Canada Information Pamphlet
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THREE Traveler Immigration Status Scenarios:

1. International Student (foreign national) travelling from US to Canada

- Important questions:
 - Do I have a valid passport from Ethiopia that has not expired?
 - Do I have a valid student visa for the duration of my study and an I-20 stating this information?
 - Do I have my valid I-20 document signed on the third sheet by the International Coordinator at my school who issues it within the last 6 months? Has the SEVIS fee been paid for the document?
 - Is my student visa up to date and not expired for travel outside of the US and return back to the US? [the US embassy in Ethiopia typically issues travel allowances for students for a duration of 1 year]

Documents: Valid [not expired] Passport with a valid Student visa which is valid for travel not just duration of stay, Valid I-20 [signed within the last 6 months by International Coordinator], not required but if available state issued drivers' license or state issued ID in the US?

U.S. Customs and Border Protection Statement about Continuing Statements:

Continuing students who are going to travel outside of the United States must see their foreign student advisor and obtain an endorsement from the DSO or RO. The endorsement will be made on page 3 of the SEVIS Form I-20 or page 1 of the DS-2019. When returning to the United States, a continuing student/exchange visitor must present a valid SEVIS Form I-20 or DS-2019 with the DSO or RO signature showing that the student is active and in good standing with the school or program.

2. US Permanent Resident

- Important questions:
 - Do I have a valid passport or travel document that has not expired? [A travel document is necessary for air travel!]
 - Do I have my permanent resident card/Green Card which is valid and not expired?
 - Do I have my state issued ID or drivers license?

Travel documents and identification required for a foreign national or green card holder to enter the U.S.?

- **ALL persons* traveling by air** between the United States and Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, the Caribbean, and Bermuda are required to present a valid passport or Air NEXUS card.
- Oral declarations are no longer accepted from U.S., Canadian or Bermudian travelers seeking to enter the U.S. by sea and/or land.

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- **Land/Sea Travel:** Lawful permanent residents may continue to present their Form I-551, Permanent Resident Card. [More information available at CBP.g](#)
- **June 1, 2009** - ALL persons* traveling between the U.S. and Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, the Caribbean, and Bermuda by land or sea (including ferries), will be required to present a valid passport, U.S. passport card, trusted traveler program card (NEXUS, SENTRI or FAST card) **or** an Enhanced Driver's License currently issued only in Washington State, Michigan, New York, and Vermont.

*Lawful permanent residents (LPRs), refugees, and asylees (of the United States) will continue to be able to use their Alien Registration Card (Form I-551), issued by DHS, or the Travel Document issued to those with refugee or asylee status to apply for entry to the United States.

A foreign national or alien entering the U.S. is generally required to present a passport and valid visa issued by a U.S. Consular Official, unless they are a citizen of a country eligible for the Visa Waiver Program, or are a lawful permanent resident of the U.S. or a citizen of Canada. The Visa Waiver Program allows foreign nationals from certain countries to be admitted to the U.S. under limited conditions and for a limited time without obtaining a visa. The foreign national must arrive on an approved carrier (if coming by air or sea), staying no more than 90 days, for pleasure/medical purposes, and be able to prove they are not inadmissible. The foreign national is still required to have a passport. To obtain a list of countries eligible for the Visa Waiver Program, please reference the Department of State [web site](#).

Foreign nationals that are lawful permanent residents of the U.S. must present a Permanent Resident Card ("Green Card", INS Form I-551), a [Reentry Permit](#) (if gone for more than 1 year), or a Returning Resident Visa (if gone for 2 years or more) to reenter the United States. U.S. LPRs are not required by the U.S. to have a passport for travel, although most foreign destinations will require you to have one to enter their country. (LPRs that are out of the U.S. for more than 180 days are subject to new immigrant inspection procedures as per 8 USC 1101.)

Foreign nationals that have applied for permanent residency or a change of status [may need to be approved for advance parole](#) in order to be readmitted to the U.S. after traveling abroad.

If you are traveling with children, you should also see our Q&A titled: Traveling with children, documents, paperwork, identification. To obtain a nonimmigrant visa, contact the Department of State at www.state.gov. Be aware, the Department of State can authorize travel to the U.S. However, a visa does not guarantee that you will be allowed to enter the U.S. CBP has the authority to grant or deny your admission to the United States. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services determines how long you may stay in the United States and whether or not you may [extend](#) your stay. You may contact them at 1-800-375-5283.

(READ Source: ***What documents does a foreign national or green card holder need to enter the U.S.?*** from link found on this site:
[\(http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/id_visa/study_exchange/\)](http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/id_visa/study_exchange/))

3. US Citizen

Canadian law requires that all persons entering Canada carry both proof of citizenship and proof of identity. A valid U.S. passport, passport card or NEXUS card (see below) satisfies these requirements for U.S. citizens. If U.S. citizen travelers to Canada do not

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have a passport, passport card or approved alternate document such as a NEXUS card, they must show a government-issued photo ID (e.g. Driver's License) and proof of U.S. citizenship such as a U.S. birth certificate, naturalization certificate, or expired U.S. passport.

When returning to the United States from Canada, it is very important to note that **all** U.S. citizens are required to present a valid U.S. passport to enter or re-enter the United States **via air**. For entry into the United States **via land and sea borders**, U.S. citizens must present either a U.S. passport, passport card, NEXUS card, Enhanced Drivers License or other Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI)-compliant document. The only exception to this requirement is for U.S. citizens under the age of 16 (or under 19, if traveling with a school, religious, or other youth group) who need only present a birth certificate (original, photocopy or certified copy), Consular Report of Birth Abroad, or naturalization certificate.

Americans living or traveling in Canada are encouraged to register with the U.S. Embassy or nearest U.S. Consulate through the [State Department's travel registration web site](#) in order to obtain updated information on local travel and security. Registration is important; it allows the State Department to assist U.S. citizens in an emergency.

(Source: http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1082.html)