Visa Information

Submission of Applications

Please refer to IRCC website to learn about a temporary visitor visa and the process to apply for one. Find out if you need a visa to travel to Canada: https://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp.

Participants are encouraged to apply at least **12 weeks** in advance of their departure date to ensure they receive the visa in time for the start of the event.

Visa applications are considered on a case-by-case basis based on the information presented by the applicant. The responsibility is on the applicant to show that they meet the requirements for a temporary resident visa. The applicant must meet all the eligibility criteria in order to receive a visa.

The Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada Special Event Code for this event is: 23ISPP

Processing times for visa applications vary based on the application type. Participants are encouraged to check processing times to find out how long it takes to process **most** applications. An estimation time can be given. If you've already applied**,** learn how to check your application status.

Biometrics Expansion

When you apply for a visitor visa you will need to give your fingerprints and a photo. To facilitate repeat travel to Canada, applicants for a visitor visa will only need to give their biometrics once every 10 years.

For additional information on whether or not you require a biometric, please refer to fast facts about Biometrics.

Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA)

Since November 10, 2016, visa-exempt foreign nationals must have an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) to fly to or transit through Canada. Exceptions include U.S. citizens, and travelers with a valid Canadian visa. Canadian citizens, including dual citizens, and Canadian permanent residents are not eligible to apply for an eTA.

COVID-19 updates

Please refer to IRCC's website for COVID-19 updates.