

Required Travel Documents for U.S. Visitors

Entering Canada:

U.S. citizens do not need a passport to enter Canada, but must carry photo ID as well as proof of citizenship (e.g. birth certificate or citizenship card). For more information visit:

Canada Border Services Agency

<http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/publications/pub/rc4161-eng.html#P002>

Entering or re-entering U.S.:

By Land/ Sea:

As of January 31, 2008, U.S. citizens entering or re-entering the U.S. by land or water must present:

- a government-issued photo ID (e.g. driver's licence) along with proof of citizenship (e.g. birth certificate or citizenship card);
OR
- a valid passport;
OR
- Enhanced Driver's License*
OR
- other valid travel documentation**
OR
- For those 18 and under, proof of citizenship (e.g. birth certificate or citizenship card)

*Enhanced Driver's License

Many Border States, including Washington, are currently developing state-issued [enhanced driver's licenses](#) (EDLs) which will provide proof of identity and citizenship – and will be compliant with the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative. Participation in the EDL initiative is voluntary and EDLs can be used by U.S. citizens instead of a passport to enter or re-enter the U.S. by land or sea. For the more details regarding EDLs visit:

Washington State Department of Licensing

<http://www.dol.wa.gov/about/news/priorities/quickfacts.pdf>

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

http://www.dhs.gov/xnews/releases/pr_1196872524298.shtm

By Air:

Implemented on January 23, 2007, U.S. citizens entering or re-entering the U.S. by air must present:

- a valid passport;
OR
- other valid travel documentation**

**Other valid travel documentation

In some cases, other documents may be accepted when entering or re-entering the U.S. by air, land or sea. Some travellers may present one of the following:

- Trusted Traveller Card - NEXUS, SENTRI or FAST
- Alien Registration Card
- Merchant Mariner Document (MMD) or "z-card" issued by the U.S. Coast Guard
- U.S. Military ID Card; when travelling on orders

For the more details regarding the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) and WHTI-compliant travel documents visit:

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

<http://www.dhs.gov/xtrvlsec/crossingborders/whtibasics.shtm#3>