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Passports required for Canadian travelers to Mexico

Effective March 1, 2010, Canadian citizens, including those with dual nationality, traveling to Mexico will be required to travel with a passport. While passports are not currently required for Canadians traveling to Mexico, Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada has recommended that, in order to avoid delays and misunderstandings, Canadians travel with a passport valid for at least six months after their arrival date. Currently, Canadians traveling to Mexico via the United States are also required to comply with [U.S. entry requirements](#) as part of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative.

Passport Canada advises that current processing times for new passports are:

- Two weeks for applications submitted in person
- Four weeks for applications submitted by mail
- Four weeks for applications submitted through a receiving agent (Service Canada or Canada Post)

Note: Processing times do not include delivery time. Full details of the passport application and renewal process, as well as options for expedited services can be found at the [Passport Canada website](#).

Additional information regarding travel to Mexico is available at the Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada website:

http://www.voyage.gc.ca/countries_pays/report_rapport-eng.asp?id=184000

Travelers can also find additional information at the website for the Embassy of Mexico in Canada:

<http://www.sre.gob.mx/canadaingles/>

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