

Immigration Rules for Travel to the United States

A. All travelers must bring the following items when traveling to the United States:

- 1) Valid Travel Document: Passport of country of citizenship (valid for up to 6 months from date of entry)
- 2) Return or Onward Airline Ticket and other documents required for the next destination (i.e. visa, etc.)
- 3) Proof of Sufficient Funds to Stay in the United States.
- 4) The necessary documents for returning to the country of origin (i.e. Valid permanent residency document)

NOTE: All forms of ID must be in the name that appears on your airline ticket. Please be aware that a driver's license or health card is NOT considered proof of citizenship. It is recommended that you pack a photocopy of your travel documents separately in the event you misplace the originals.

***Please review Sections B through H on this document to locate your country of citizenship. Follow instructions accordingly.**

B. Citizens of the countries listed below are part of the Visa Waiver Program (VWP) and do not need a visa to enter the United States. Refer to the information at the end of this section for restrictions on travel under the VWP and situations where a visa will be required:

Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brunei, Chile, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, San Marino, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, and the United Kingdom.

ESTA Requirements

- If you are a citizen of one of the Visa Waiver Program countries listed above, you must register on the **ESTA website prior to your journey in order to travel to the United States.**

Please note that all travelers coming to the U.S. on the Visa Waiver Program must register and receive a valid approval under the ESTA (Electronic System for Travel Authorization) program **BEFORE** boarding an airplane or boat bound for the U.S. ESTA is a free, automated system used to determine the eligibility of visitors to travel to the United States under the VWP. **For more information and to register, please [click here](#) to register.**

- **In addition to the list of items in Section A, remember to also bring the following:**
 - A printed copy of your approved ESTA confirmation.
 - A general invitation/support letter from PTC explaining the nature of the visit to the U.S. Please request a US Invitation letter from PTC's Global Mobility and Immigration Department.

Passport Requirements

All VWP travelers, regardless of age or type of passport used, must present machine-readable passports and meet the requirements below:

- If the machine-readable passport was issued before October 26, 2005, no further requirements apply.
- If the machine-readable passport was issued between October 26, 2005 and October 26, 2006, it requires a digital photograph printed on the data page or integrated chip with information from the data page (E-Passports are acceptable for this purpose.)
- If the machine-readable passport was issued on or after October 26, 2006, it requires an integrated chip with information from the data page (e-passport).
- All Visa Waiver Program (VWP) *emergency* or *temporary* passports must be electronic passports (e-Passports) to be eligible for travel to the United States under the VWP.
- Visa Waiver Program applicants who are citizens of the following countries must present electronic passports (e-Passport): Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, the Republic of Korea, and the Slovak Republic. Citizens of Taiwan must also have a national ID number.

If your passport does **not** meet these requirements, then you **cannot** travel on the VWP and must obtain a visa in the valid passport for entry into the United States. Please [click here](#) for additional information on passport requirements.

Restrictions Regarding Prior Travel:

If you are a citizen of one of the VWP countries listed above and either:

- 1) traveled to or been present in Iran, Iraq, Sudan, Syria, Libya, Somalia, or Yemen on or after March 1, 2011 (with limited exceptions for travel for diplomatic or military purposes in the service of a VWP country) **OR**
- 2) are also a citizen of Iran, Iraq, Sudan, Syria, Libya, Somalia, or Yemen,

you will not be eligible to be admitted to the United States under the VWP.

Travelers who currently have a valid ESTA registration and who have previously indicated holding dual nationality with one of the four countries listed above on their ESTA applications will have their current ESTA registration revoked. These individuals will still be able to apply for a visa using the regular immigration process at U.S. embassies or consulates.

C. Citizens of Bermuda

Citizens of the British Overseas Territories of Bermuda do not require a visa unless they have a criminal ineligibility, or have previously violated the terms of their immigration status in the United States.

Please refer to Section A for a list of items you need to bring when traveling to the United States.

D. Citizens of Canada

If you are a citizen of Canada, special travel rules apply to you. As a Canadian citizen, you are "visa exempt." This means that you are not obligated to obtain a visa stamp through a U.S. consular post as a prerequisite to approaching the U.S. border or entering the U.S. (although limited exceptions apply.) Unlike citizens of countries covered by the Visa Waiver Program, Canadian citizens are **not** required to register their trip in advance through the ESTA program.

In order to enter the U.S., a Canadian citizen must have:

- A Canadian passport valid at the time of entry
- A general invitation/support letter from PTC explaining the nature of the event in the U.S. Please request Invitation/Support letter from PTC's Global Assignments and Immigration Department.
- A recent pay stub or other proof that the traveler is a PTC employee.
- A \$60 border crossing fee.

Canadians may enter the U.S. through any "Class A" land border or through any "Class A" international airport.

E. Citizens of Mexico

Citizens and permanent residents of México generally **must have either a nonimmigrant visa or a Border Crossing Card** (also known as a "Laser Visa"). The Border Crossing Card (Form DSP-150) is a biometric, machine readable, B-1/B-2 visitor visa/Border Crossing Card that may be used to enter the U.S. from within the Western Hemisphere. For more information on the Border Crossing Card visit: <http://travel.state.gov/content/visas/english/visit/border-crossing-card.html>

In addition to your nonimmigrant visa or Border Crossing Card, please refer to **Section A** for a list of additional items you need to bring when traveling to the United States.

F. Citizens of any country *not* previously mentioned will need a visa

Nationals who are not visa exempt will need to apply for a visa at a U.S. Embassy or Consulate (“Consular post”) having jurisdiction over their place of residence. **The following link to the U.S. Department of State website contains listings and links to the websites of U.S. consular posts worldwide:** <http://www.usembassy.gov/>. Please use this website to locate your nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate and please confirm completeness of the below-listed documentation for filing of the visa application. The website will also advise regarding procedures for payment of the processing fee.

The following documentation usually needs to be presented to the U.S. consular post for processing of the visa application:

- Application Form DS-160 for each applicant, regardless of age, completed and signed.
Form available for download on the following website from the U.S. Department of State:
- In cases where the DS-160 is not required, the application Form DS-157 must be completed by male applicants between the ages of 16-45. *Form available for download on the following website from the U.S. Department of State:*
<http://travel.state.gov/content/visas/english/forms.html>
- Original Passport <http://travel.state.gov/content/visas/english/forms.html>
- One recent passport style photograph. *Please see photo requirements on the following website:*
<http://travel.state.gov/content/visas/english/general/photos.html>
- Evidence of having paid by bank transfer the non-refundable fee for each application.
- Self-addressed, stamped envelope large enough for the return of the passport and documents.
- An invitation letter from PTC explaining the nature of the event in the U.S. Please request Invitation/Support letter from PTC’s Global Assignments and Immigration Department.

In addition to your visa, please refer to **Section A** for a list of additional items you need to bring when traveling to the U.S.

G. Citizens of Iraq, Syria, Sudan, Iran, Somalia, Libya, and Yemen

If you are a citizen of Chad, Iran, Libya, North Korea, Somalia, Syria, Venezuela and Yemen, please reach out to PTC’s Immigration Team at immigration@ptc.com before applying for a visa or entering the United States.

H. I-94 Record of Admission

When you enter the US, the officer of Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will enter information about the facts of your entry into the database of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Travelers will be given a CBP admission stamp on their travel document. If a traveler needs a copy of his/her I-94 (record of admission), it can be obtained from <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94>.