



**PLEASE EMAIL YOUR I-94 RECORD TO  
MELTZER HELLRUNG UPON YOUR ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES**



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Canadian citizens are visa-exempt and are not required to apply for a visa at a U.S. embassy or consulate in order to travel to the United States. Canadian citizens may apply for TN status directly at a border crossing or at an airport prior to flying or upon flying into the U.S. (depending on the airport). If your application is approved, the Customs and Border Protection Officer will issue an **I-94** when you enter the U.S. The I-94 indicates how long you may reside in the United States.

## 1 Where can I enter the U.S. and apply for a TN visa?



You may apply for a TN either at pre-flight inspection, prior to boarding a flight into the United States, or at a border crossing, prior to driving into the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) recommends utilizing one of the following ports of entry:

⇒ Alexandria Bay, New York	⇒ Highgate Springs, Vermont
⇒ Buffalo Peace Bridge, New York	⇒ Pearson International Airport (Toronto)
⇒ Calgary International Airport	⇒ Rainbow Bridge, Niagara Falls, New York
⇒ Champlain, New York	⇒ Sweetgrass, Montana
⇒ Derby Line, Vermont	⇒ Trudeau International Airport (Dorval, Quebec)
⇒ Detroit Canada Tunnel (Michigan)	⇒ Vancouver International Airport
⇒ Detroit Ambassador Bridge (Michigan)	

We recommend that you discuss port of entry options with your designated Meltzer Hellrung attorney. Your attorney will likely have recommendations regarding which port of entry is most suitable for your particular situation.

Before you travel, we recommend that you verify the preferred times for TN visa processing at the port of entry where you will be applying. The following website contains information regarding preferred times to apply: [tinyurl.com/CBP-Travel-tips](https://tinyurl.com/CBP-Travel-tips).

## 2 What documents should I bring with me to the border (including airports)?



### YOU SHOULD BRING THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:

- The complete petition we have prepared
- Original** diploma and transcripts
- Your passport
- Prior passports with prior passports with any prior U.S. visa stamps
- Prior I-797 approval notices, if you previously applied for a TN through USCIS
- Your two most recent pay stubs and/or employment verification letter if you are already working for a U.S. company on a TN visa

## 3 What should I be prepared to discuss with the CBP Officer?



Be prepared to discuss your job duties and how your degree relates to your responsibilities. You should also be familiar with the USMCA Occupation, which qualifies you for a TN. Familiarize yourself with the letter of support which was provided in the package you received.

## 4 Are my spouse and children eligible for visas?



Yes. Your spouse and children under age 21 are eligible for TD visas. If your dependents are Canadian citizens, they may apply for the TD visa directly at the port of entry along with you. If your dependents are not Canadian citizens, they will need to apply for a TD visa stamp at a U.S. consulate or embassy abroad.

## 5 What documents do my dependents need to bring to the border?



**IF YOU AND YOUR DEPENDENTS ARE GOING TO THE BORDER TOGETHER, EACH PERSON SHOULD BRING THE FOLLOWING:**

- Passport
- Prior passports with any prior U.S. visa stamps
- Children: birth certificates
- Spouse: marriage certificate

**IF YOUR DEPENDENTS WILL ENTER THE UNITED STATES AT DIFFERENT TIME(S) THAN YOU, THEY SHOULD BRING THE ABOVE LISTED DOCUMENTS PLUS THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS:**

- Copy of your passport
- Copy of your I-797 notice of action, if you applied for your TN through USCIS and not at the border
- Copy of your I-94, if you are currently in the United States
- Copies of your two most recent pay stubs, if you are currently in the U.S. and/or an employment verification letter

## 6 Are there any additional reasons I should reach out to Meltzer Hellrung LLC before going to the border?



**YES, WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH US BEFORE CROSSING THE BORDER IF YOU FALL UNDER ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:**

- ⇒ You have already initiated a green card process
- ⇒ You have a criminal record
- ⇒ You have previously been denied a visa or entry into the U.S.
- ⇒ The circumstances of your job offer have changed since the visa petition was originally submitted

## 7 How should I dress for my interview?

We recommend wearing business casual attire to your interview. At the interview, it is important that you appear calm and confident. Be sure to familiarize yourself with the TN category you are applying under and be prepared to discuss the job duties described in your letter of support.



## 8 How long will the interview last?

If you are flying, we recommend that you arrive to the airport 4 hours prior to your flight; however, the interview itself will only last a few minutes. The CBP officer will review the packet we prepared and ask you questions regarding the position and your qualifications. If you will be driving, be prepared to wait at the border. While the actual interview will only take a few minutes, there will likely be a wait at the border as officers admit travelers into the United States.



## 9 What should I do if I am encouraged to withdraw my petition or if the TN is denied?

If you are encouraged to withdraw the petition or your interview is going poorly, we recommend that you withdraw your petition to avoid having a denial on your record. If there are questions about the petition and you have the opportunity to contact your attorney, please contact your designated Meltzer Hellrung attorney to address any issues. Should your application be denied, be sure to request documentation from the CBP officer which explains your denial. Forward any documentation which is provided to you to your Meltzer Hellrung attorney so that we may assess what the next steps should be in your particular situation.



## 10 What will happen once my visa is approved?

Once approved, the CBP officer will allow you entry into the United States. You may receive a stamp in your passport indicating the validity dates of your TN visa. In some cases, a paper I-94 may be issued to you. Once you enter the U.S., be sure to retrieve your I-94 record [here](#), to ensure that your I-94 was issued for the requested validity period. Please forward this record to Meltzer Hellrung upon entry.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.



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Meltzer Hellrung challenges conventions to deliver better outcomes.

Founded with the belief that immigration can be a strategic advantage, we understand the complexities of immigration and respond with innovative solutions to meet business and talent needs. Our unique solution - skilled immigration professionals delivering responsive service to clients through Voyager, our proprietary immigration management platform, delivers the best immigration experience to companies, employees and their families.

