

Mobility: Immigration alert

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Egypt

Egyptian embassy in Ottawa announces new visa requirement for Canadian nationals effective 1 October 2023

Executive summary

On 7 September 2023, the Egyptian embassy in Ottawa [announced](#) that effective 1 October 2023, Canadian passport holders will be required to obtain entry visas from an Egyptian embassy or consulate before traveling to Egypt. They will no longer be able to obtain e-visas prior to travel or visas on arrival in Egypt. Canadian nationals of Egyptian origin will be exempt from this requirement and have two options for entering Egypt.

Canadian citizens of Egyptian origin

Canadian citizens of Egyptian origin who seek to travel to Egypt using a Canadian passport on or after 1 October 2023 may enter Egypt via any of the options below:

- ▶ They can visit an Egyptian embassy or consulate prior to departure, present proof of their Egyptian origin (e.g., birth certificate or passport) and obtain a free entry visa. Expired documents will be accepted as proof of their Egyptian origin.
- ▶ They can submit proof of their Egyptian origin (e.g., birth certificate or passport, including expired documents) at the port of entry in Egypt and have their Canadian passport stamped. Individuals who pursue this route may also obtain a certificate from an Egyptian embassy or consulate, confirming their Egyptian citizenship as proof of their Egyptian origin.

Canadian citizens who are not of Egyptian origin

On 12 September 2023, the Egyptian embassy in Ottawa [added](#) that a new visa application form will be released on 1 October 2023 for Canadian nationals who are not of Egyptian origin. Applicants will be required to submit their passport (in person or via mail), passport photos, travel itinerary and application fees (CAD150 for a single-entry visa and CAD205 for a multiple-entry visa). The authorities are expected to issue new visas within two to three weeks of application submission.

All Canadian nationals, including those of Egyptian origin, who are issued e-visas before 1 October 2023 will be able to use these visas until their expiry.

Impact on employers

This change is expected to increase the time and costs associated with business travel for Canadian nationals traveling to Egypt.

Key steps

EY will continue to monitor these developments. Should you have any questions, we encourage you to contact one of our immigration professionals.

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