



U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Traveling on a TN or L-1 Visa From Canada?

Optimize Your Processing at these U.S. Ports of Entry

Beginning in mid-September, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is optimizing processing for first-time Canadian TN and L applicants seeking entry into the United States under NAFTA. CBP has designated ports of entry that will ensure a more efficient approach to processing the high volume of TN and L applicants.

Q: What are TN and L nonimmigrant classifications?

A: The TN nonimmigrant classification permits qualified Canadian and Mexican citizens to seek temporary entry into the United States to engage in business activities at a professional level. The L-1 nonimmigrant classification - Intracompany Transferee Executive or Manager – enables a U.S. employer to transfer an executive or manager from one of its affiliated foreign offices to one of its offices in the United States. This classification also enables a foreign company that does not yet have an affiliated U.S. office to send an executive or manager to the U.S. with the purpose of establishing one.

Q: How can Canadian citizens obtain TN and L-1 classifications?

A: Canadian citizens can continue to apply for TN and L classifications at U.S. ports of entry or U.S. preclearance facilities with the required documentation.

Q: I am a first time TN and L-1 applicant – am I required to go to a designated port of entry?

A: No, you may continue to go to any port of entry along the Canadian border for processing; however, we encourage you to go to one of the designated ports of entry where you will receive optimized

processing.

Q: Which ports of entry are designated for optimized processing?

A: Fourteen total ports are designated, to include 4 preclearance locations.

Ports of Entry Designated for Optimized Processing

Canada Locations

Lester B. Pearson International Airport

P.O. Box 115

Toronto AMF

Toronto, Ontario L5P 1A2

Hours of Operation: 4:30 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. Daily

Trudeau International Airport

975 Romeo Vachon Boulevard, North

Room TT 2.400

Dorval, Quebec H4Y 1H1

Hours of Operation: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays

Vancouver International Airport

International Terminal – Level 3

3161 Grant McConachie Way

Richmond, British Columbia V7B 0A4

Hours of Operation: 4:30 a.m. – 10:30 p.m. Daily

Calgary International Airport

P.O. Box 155

2000 Airport Road, Northeast

Calgary, Alberta T2E 6W5

Hours of Operation: 4:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. Daily

Vermont Locations

Highgate Springs Port of Entry

Interstate 89 at the Border

Highgate Springs, VT 05460

Hours of Operation: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Monday through Thursday

Derby Line Port of Entry

Interstate 91

Derby Line, VT 05830

Hours of Operation: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday through Thursday

New York Locations

Alexandria Bay Port of Entry

46735 Interstate 81

Alexandria Bay, NY 13607

Peace Bridge Port of Entry

One Peace Bridge Plaza

Buffalo, NY 14213

Rainbow Bridge Port of Entry

One Rainbow Bridge

Niagara Falls, NY 14330

Champlain Port of Entry

237 West Service Road

Champlain, NY 12919

Hours of Operation: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Monday through Friday

Michigan Locations

Detroit Canada Tunnel Port of Entry

150 E. Jefferson

Detroit, MI 48226

Detroit Ambassador Bridge Port of Entry

3033 Porter Street

Detroit, MI 48216

Hours of Operation: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Monday through Friday

Washington Locations

Blaine Peace Arch Port of Entry

123 Second Street

Blaine, WA 98230

Hours of Operation: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday through Thursday

Montana Locations

Sweetgrass Port of Entry

39825 Interstate 15

Sweetgrass, MT 59484

Hours of Operation: 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Monday through Friday

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