

# Flying to Canada with a criminal record

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The NBAA has posted useful updated information on flying to Canada with previous convictions, which may affect your passengers, or crew. **Canada is known for refusing entry to the country if you have a DUI charge** on your record.

Here are the highlights:

If denied admission because of a DUI, a traveler's options depend on the time elapsed from the completion of the sentence or probation period, not the arrest date.

- If it has been 10 years or more, you're automatically deemed rehabilitated, and the border agent welcomes you to Canada.
- Between 5 and 10 years from the completion of a sentence or probation, travellers can apply for "criminal rehabilitation," which documents that someone is "no longer a public safety threat in Canada and costs up to \$1,000, said Healy.
- For those whose sentence or probation ended less than 5 years ago, Canadian border officials can offer a one-time free temporary resident permit. The permit, which costs \$200, is good for up to a year, and you can enter and leave Canada as needed during the approved period. A traveler can apply for a permit at a consulate or at the border, but a traveler's ability to use this option at the border is at the discretion of the border official involved.

Also, from tomorrow, November 10, 2016 - most people will need an eTA to enter Canada. More on that [here](#).