

**CHECKLIST FOR CREW MEMBERS TRAVELLING TO CANADA BY AIR TO JOIN A SHIP  
AS OF JANUARY 29, 2021**

ENTRY & QUARANTINE RESTRICTIONS	DETAILS	MOST RECENT UPDATE
Border Restrictions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>No entry restrictions</b> for healthy crew members who have to travel to Canada to join a ship. For additional information, see <a href="#">Order-in-Council 41</a> (prohibition of entry into Canada), <b>section 3(1)(d)</b> (for crew member exemptions).</li> <li>- Note: Above does not apply to seafarers who have signs and symptoms of COVID-19, including a fever and cough or a fever and difficulty breathing, or who know they have COVID-19, or who have reasonable grounds to suspect they have COVID.</li> </ul>	Order renewed January 20, 2021 (no change to crew member exemptions)
Quarantine Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>No quarantine requirements</b> for healthy crew members entering Canada in order to join a ship. For additional information, see <a href="#">Order-in-Council 42</a> (quarantine, isolation and other obligations), <b>section 6(1)(b)</b> (for crew member exemptions)</li> <li>- Note: If the vessel is not in port when the crew member arrives in Canada, the Canadian agent must make arrangements for the crew member to quarantine, at a suitable location, such as a hotel, until they can join the vessel.</li> </ul>	Order renewed January 20, 2021 (no change to crew member exemptions)
REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR TRAVEL TO CANADA	DETAILS	MOST RECENT UPDATE
<p style="text-align: center;">Visa if seafarer is from visa-required country</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ETA (electronic travel authorization) if seafarer is from visa exempt country</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All visa applications must be submitted as far in advance of travel date as possible. Seafarer visas are processed on an expedited basis (5-day target for problem-free applications), but delays still possible.</li> <li>- Applications <b>MUST</b> be initiated through this <a href="#">ON-LINE PORTAL</a> – and <b>MUST</b> indicate that person is coming to Canada in order to join a vessel as a marine crew member (choose item 4 on scroll down menu).</li> <li>- Applications <b>MUST</b> include accurate travel dates and itinerary. Any change to itinerary <b>MUST</b> be communicated to IRCC to ensure continued validity of visa.</li> </ul>	Expedited on-line visa application process for crew members in effect as of July 2020

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Applications can be submitted by an individual, or by a third party submitting multiple applications on behalf of multiple individuals (e.g. crewing agency) – this must be indicated at start of application process.</li> <li>- Applicants may be required to submit biometrics (fingerprints and photo) as per instructions provided in on-line portal. Although IRCC has made some COVID-related exemptions to biometrics requirements (e.g. in cases where visa office overseas is closed due to pandemic), applicants should NOT assume that biometrics will be waived, and should therefore provide for enough time to submit biometrics when starting the application process. Note that biometrics are NOT required if already submitted within last ten years.</li> <li>- <a href="#">Click HERE</a> for additional information on visas, ETAs and biometrics.</li> </ul>	<p>More stringent application of biometrics requirements as of December 2020</p>
<p>Arrive-Can receipt</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Crew members must submit contact details via ArriveCAN platform prior to boarding – <a href="#">Click HERE</a> to download app or access on-line portal – Failure to submit may create delays upon arrival in Canada</li> <li>- Crew members should only complete portions of ArriveCAN form pertaining to contact and travel details and COVID symptom self-assessment. Crew members SHOULD NOT complete section of form pertaining to quarantine (as doing so may create delays upon arrival).</li> <li>- Crew members will receive electronic receipt upon submission of ArriveCAN information, which must be presented to border authorities upon arrival in Canada. Failure to present this receipt could result in enforcement action ranging from verbal warnings to \$1,000 fine.</li> </ul>	<p>In effect as of November 18, 2020</p>
<p>Proof of negative COVID test</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Crew members must present proof of negative COVID test at departure airport as condition of boarding. Proof must be in the form of documentation from a testing facility that includes the following data elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Name of traveler and date of birth</li> <li>o Name and address of the facility that administered the test</li> <li>o Date on which the test was conducted</li> <li>o Method of test conducted</li> <li>o Test result</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>In effect as of January 7, 2021</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Test must have been conducted a maximum of 72 hours before time of first scheduled flight to Canada.</li> <li>- Only results of molecular tests (PCR and LAMP) are accepted at this time.</li> <li>- Travellers should make best efforts to have their test performed at a reputable laboratory or testing facility (e.g. one recognized by the local government or accredited by a third party, such as a professional organization or international standards organization).</li> <li>- Additional information is available <a href="#">HERE</a></li> </ul>	
Letter from Canadian agent or shipowner confirming employment on board ship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- It is essential that incoming crew members have such a letter with them in order to prevent delays at the airport overseas or upon entry into Canada.</li> </ul>	Standard requirement but essential to prevent delays at the border
Passport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- As per normal practice</li> </ul>	Standard requirement
Seafarer identity document	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- As per normal practice</li> </ul>	Standard requirement
Certificate of competency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- As per normal practice</li> </ul>	Standard requirement
<p><b>In addition to the above, crew members traveling to Canada in order to join a ship may also wish to carry the following documents issued by Canadian authorities.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Transport Canada Ship Safety Bulletin 28/2020 - <a href="#">Click HERE</a> (most recent update December 25, 2020)</li> <li>- CBSA Information Sheet for Commercial Marine Industry - <a href="#">Click HERE</a> (most recent update January 11, 2021)</li> </ul>		