

Visa Information

The World Stroke Organization and the Canadian Stroke Consortium look forward to hosting you in October 2023 for the 15th World Stroke Congress!

Do I Need a Visa?

Most people need a visa or an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) to travel to Canada – not both. Some people may only need their valid passport. Answer a few questions on the official website of the Canadian Government to see what's right for you. [Learn more](#)

Visa Process

WSC can provide a letter stating your intent to attend the World Stroke Congress, which may assist you in obtaining your travel visa. Attendees may request a visa letter using the link during the registration process. **Attendees must register and pay in full prior to requesting a visa letter. Visa letters are not available to attendees who are not paid in full or who have cancelled their registration.**

The WSC 2023 Toronto World Stroke Congress is a **registered event with the Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC).**

Events registered with IRCC **are issued a unique special event code** to help track and monitor visa processing. Applicants **should** tag their applications with the event's special event code, which can be found in the letter of invitation provided by the event organizer.

Please note that **Visitor Visa (Temporary Resident Visa – TRV)** applications are considered on a case-by-case basis based on the information presented by the applicant.

The onus is on the applicant to demonstrate they meet the requirements for a TRV.

While a special event code has been assigned to your event, it does not offer any advantage to the applicant, in terms of a positive visa outcome.

The applicant must meet all the [eligibility](#) criteria in order to receive a visa.

If you need another copy of your registration confirmation email, please contact our registration team at reg_wsc23@kenes.com.

If you are unable to receive a visa to leave your country or are unable to enter Canada, [contact us](#) regarding a refund.

Please be aware that visa appointments at your local/regional Canadian Embassy or Consulate could take a significant amount of time to secure, so make sure to plan well ahead.

For more information about obtaining a visa, please visit the **official website of the Government of Canada** [here](#)

Visa-exempt (eTA eligible) travellers need an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) to board their flight to Canada. However, these travellers do not need an eTA if entering by land or sea – for instance driving from the U.S. or coming by bus, train, or boat, including cruise ship.

For more information about how to apply for the Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) click [here](#)