



## Press Release

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### **IMPORTANT TREATY TRADER AND INVESTOR VISA (“E-VISA”) PROCESSING CHANGES IN CANADA**

As of March 1, 2016, Canadian companies seeking to move employees to the U.S. on E-1 and E-2 (Treaty Trader and Investor) visas will benefit from streamlined registration at the U.S. Consulate General in Toronto and additional processing locations across Canada for employees of companies with valid registrations and their dependents.

The U.S. Consulate General in Toronto handles all company registrations for E-1 and E-2 (Treaty Trader and Investor) visas in Canada. Employees of enterprises not previously registered at the Consulate General in Toronto must schedule their E-visa interviews in Toronto. If a company’s registration has expired, the employee (whether previously issued an E visa or not) must also apply for their visas in Toronto.

We are pleased to announce that the U.S. Embassy in Ottawa and the U.S. Consulates General in Toronto, Vancouver, Calgary, and Montreal now offer E-1 and E-2 visa appointments for employees of companies with valid registrations and their dependents.

“We are confident that the expansion of E-visa adjudications for dependent family members and employees to more posts across Canada, combined with streamlined processing in Toronto, will enhance our service and help us meet the growing demand for this important visa class. Trade and investment between Canada and the United States remain critical to our relationship and to our countries’ economies. With the addition of E-visa processing in Calgary, Montreal and Ottawa, it’s never been easier to apply for a visa for Canadian investors in the United States,” said Russel J. Brown, Minister Counselor for Consular Affairs at the U.S. Embassy in Ottawa.

For more information on the new E-visa harmonization and expansion please visit:  
<https://ca.usembassy.gov/visas/treaty-trader-and-investor-visas/>

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