

CANADIAN CURRENCY AND BANKING

Money in Canada is in dollars and cents, as in the United States. Due to current monetary exchange rates, there is a slight difference in value between the Canadian dollar and the American dollar.

Although U.S. money is usually accepted in Canada, we suggest that you exchange it for Canadian dollars at any ATM machine located throughout the city or at the airport, or use your credit card for any purchases while in the city. You may check daily for the current exchange rate:

<http://www.oanada.com/converter/classic>. Most U.S. credit cards are honored in Canada. Any charge to a credit card will reflect the bank exchange rate.

The Hyatt Regency and Fairmont Hotel Vancouver's Front Desk will be happy to assist guests with currency exchange transactions with no surcharge. Please note that they are unable to exchange coins.

ENTRY INTO CANADA AND U.S.

If you are from the United States, the following instructions may apply to you:

U.S. citizens traveling to Canada are required to show U.S. Government-issued photo ID and proof of U.S. citizenship, such as a birth certificate; however, U.S. law requires that Americans entering the U.S. from Canada must have a valid passport. For more information please visit <http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/travel-voyage/visitors-eng.html>.

If you are from a country other than the U.S. and are not a U.S. citizen or legal, permanent resident of the U.S., you need a valid passport or travel document. Citizens of some countries also need visas to enter Canada. Visitors should ask about visa requirements and valid travel documents at the Canadian embassy, consulate, or mission in their home countries before departure.

Entry by Private Motor Vehicle

In Canada, U.S. state drivers' licenses are valid for varying periods of time, depending on the province or territory you are visiting. For more information, please visit http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1082.html.

Taxes

The Goods and Service Tax (GST) is a 5% tax that is charged on most goods and services sold or provided in Canada. Purchases made in Vancouver are also subject to the 7% Provincial Sales Tax (PST).

Customs Brokerage and Transportation Services

We have designated Livingston Event Logistics as our event's official customs broker and transportation service provider. If you are shipping any materials or equipment to the meeting hotels, please be sure to contact Livingston directly for assistance. They will arrange transportation and customs brokerage of your materials to ensure a seamless transition through Canada Customs. Please contact their operations supervisor, Robert Skelly, for assistance prior to shipping at 1-800-663-0301 ext. 2108 or email rskelly@livingstonintl.com.