NEXUS - The Only Way to Travel

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WHAT IS NEXUS?

The NEXUS program allows pre-screened travelers expedited processing when entering the U.S. and Canada. Program members use dedicated processing lanes at designated northern border ports of entry, NEXUS kiosks when entering Canada by air, and Global Entry kiosks when entering the U.S. via Canadian preclearance airports. NEXUS members also receive expedited processing at marine reporting locations.

NEXUS application fees are \$50 for adults, and children under the age of 18 are free. Once approved, the cards are good for five years at which time participants must renew their membership.

In addition to designated process lanes,

the NEXUS card is a WHTI complaint travel document and can be used in any primary lane. The more travelers participating in the NEXUS program, the greater the benefit to overall border wait times. By having advanced traveler information, CBP is able to reduce inspection times in the NEXUS lanes. Greater participation in this program further reduces overall border wait times at the local crossings by allowing more cars to be processed per hour without increasing the infrastructure.

HOW DOES THE NEXUS PROGRAM WORK?

At Buffalo land border crossings, program participants proceed to dedicated NEXUS only lanes and present their NEXUS photoidentification cards. All occupants of the vehicle must be enrolled in NEXUS to utilize the dedicated lanes. In addition to dedicated NEXUS lanes at the Lewiston and Peace Bridges, the Whirlpool Bridge in Niagara Falls is designated as a NEXUS-only crossing, available exclusively to NEXUS cardholders.

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS OF GLOBAL ENTRY INCLUDED WITH NEXUS

Individuals approved to participate in NEXUS receive photo identification cards that allow them to receive expedited passage at NEXUS-dedicated lanes at the land borders (both into the U.S. and Canada), NEXUS kiosks at airports when entering Canada, at Global Entry kiosks when entering the U.S. (both in the U.S. and at



preclearance locations) and by calling a marine telephone reporting center in the marine environment to report their arrival into the U.S. or Canada. NEXUS members who are U.S. citizens,

U.S. Lawful Permanent Residents, or Canadian citizens will also receive the benefits of TSA Pre-Check.

Apply for a NEXUS card today at GOES or visit the Trusted Traveler Programs section of the CBP website to find out what program best fits your cross-border travel needs.

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