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### **U.S. Consulate General Toronto E-visa Processing Fees to Drop April 13**

The U.S. Consulate General Toronto is pleased to announce that as of April 13, 2012, processing fees for E-visas (treaty traders and treaty investors) have been reduced from US\$390 to US\$270. The Consulate General has also streamlined the E-visa application and interview process in order to provide greater convenience and efficiency for visa applicants, thereby encouraging trade and investment.

The Treaty Trader (E-1) visa is for an individual who is coming to the U.S. to carry out substantial trade, including trade in services or technology, principally between the U.S. and the treaty country. The Treaty Investor (E-2) visa is for an individual who is coming to the U.S. to develop and direct the operations of an enterprise in which the national has invested, or is in the process of investing, a substantial amount of capital.

The U.S. Consulate General Toronto has implemented new procedures to streamline the E-visa application process. First-time E-visa applicants can schedule a visa appointment in as few as 10 business days. Employees of registered E-visa enterprises and dependents of E-visa holders can schedule appointments as early as the next business day and only need to provide minimal documentation at the time of their visa interview. Qualified E-visa applicants generally receive a visa in three to five business days after the interview.

Information on E-visa requirements and how to make an appointment with U.S. Consulate General Toronto may be found online at <http://toronto.usconsulate.gov/visas/treaty-trader-visas.html>. For specific questions about the E-visa application process in Toronto, contact [evisatoronto@state.gov](mailto:evisatoronto@state.gov).

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