



Impact of A DUI/DWI On Entry into Canada

Your March E-Line from your AFA EAP

For Flight Attendants, an arrest for a drug or alcohol-related offense can create travel complications when trying to enter Canada. Under Canadian law, individuals may be deemed “inadmissible” to Canada for certain criminal offenses, including DUI/DWI or drug possession, even if the offense occurred in the United States and even if the local jurisdiction/state identifies the offense as a misdemeanor. Since changes implemented in 2018, an alcohol or drug offense is generally treated as “serious criminality” under Canada’s Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada standards, which can result in denial of entry.

Inadmissibility can apply even if there was only an arrest and charges are still pending. The entry restriction will remain in place after a conviction for up to ten (10) years unless the individual qualifies for “Rehabilitation” or receives a Temporary Resident Permit (TRP) Applicants for “Rehabilitation” are usually considered 5 years post-conviction/case resolution. The TRP is designed to give US citizens who are considered inadmissible to Canada the ability to come and go into Canada for work purposes.

For Flight Attendants, being deemed inadmissible to Canada can directly impact work assignments involving Canadian layovers or entry into Canada following diversions. Your AFA EAP can help you understand all options that are available to you now and connect you to law firms that have a history of working with Flight Attendants in securing TRPs. For more information, contact your AFA EAP Committee.

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