Canadian Immigration Session – First Study Permit Application
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Overview

Immigration Documentation

Travel Documents
- Passport
- TRV: Temporary Resident Visa (stamped in passport)
- eTA: electronic Travel Authorization (electronically linked to passport)

Authorize *entry* into Canada

Status Documents
- Study Permit
- Work Permit
- Visitor Record

Provide *status* once inside Canada
What is a Study Permit?

A status document issued by IRCC that authorizes foreign nationals to **study** and **remain** in Canada for a temporary period of time.
Temporary Resident Visa (TRV)

If you’re visa-requiring, you will also receive a TRV affixed to your passport when you apply for your Study Permit.

electronic Travel Authorization (eTA)

- If you are visa-exempt, then you will need an eTA
- If you need an eTA, you will automatically receive the eTA number when your Study Permit application is approved
- eTA is electronically linked to passport
- Valid for up to five (5) years at a time
Application Process

1. Submit Study Permit Application Online
2. Biometrics
3. Mail in Passport for TRV Issuance
4. Passport with TRV is Returned via Mail
5. Study Permit Approval Letter (& eTA)
6. Original Study Permit Received at Border

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Eligibility
Eligibility for a Study Permit

- Letter of Acceptance from a DLI
- Proof of funds (tuition, living expenses, transportation costs, etc.)
- No inadmissibility concerns
- Understand that your stay in Canada is temporary

Accompanying Dependent Family

- Spouse
- Common-Law Partner
- Dependent children
  - Under 22 years old; and
  - Do not have spouse or common-law partner
Accompanying Dependent Family

- Include your family members in your online application
- Separate application forms and document checklist(s)
- Spouse / Common-Law Partner can apply for Open Spousal Work Permit or Visitor status
- Accompanying dependent child can apply for Study Permit or Visitor Record

3 How to apply for an initial Study Permit
Getting Started

- Renew your Passport
- Apply early! Apply as soon as you receive your acceptance letter from McMaster
- Processing times vary depending on the country where application processed
- Apply **ONLINE**
- Review the online instruction guide (Guide 5269), document checklist(s) and application forms carefully
- Collect your supporting documents and fill out the application forms using the guide as a reference point

How to Apply Online for a Study Permit

Create a MyCIC Account

Online application tool for IRCC

Gather Documents

- Personal Document Checklist
- Country-Specific Visa Office Checklist

Submit online

- Must have access to a scanner or camera
- Acceptable Payment Methods: Credit Card or Debit Card
How to Apply

1. Create a MyCIC Account

- Visit the IRCC website to create a MyCIC Account
- Answer a series of questions to determine your eligibility for a study permit and to create a personal document checklist
- Review online personal document checklist:
  - Application forms
  - Required documents based on your answers
How to Apply

2. Gather Documents and Complete Forms

- Documents required for all Study Permit applications:
  - Valid Passport
  - Letter of Acceptance
  - Financial Support Documents
  - Digital Photo

- Check online to see if there is an additional country-specific document checklist

- Translations and certified true copies

- Check online to see if you need a medical examination

- If required, apply for police certificates as soon as possible
### Application for Study Permit Made Outside of Canada (IMM 1294)

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**Background Information**

- [Insert Background Information]

**Reference**

- [Insert Reference]

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**Signature**

- [Signature]

**Date of Application**

- [Insert Date]
How to Apply for an Initial Study Permit

3. Submit Online

- Upload all documents and completed forms to your MyCIC account in their designated upload slots.
- Pay application fees using credit card or debit card
  - Study Permit Application Fee (CAD 150.00)
  - Biometrics Fee (CAD 85.00)*
- Confirmation of Submission Letter

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Student Direct Stream
Student Direct Stream: SDS

- Faster processing available depending on where you live:
  - China
  - India
  - Morocco
  - Pakistan
  - the Philippines
  - Senegal, Vietnam

- Must apply online

- Usually 20 day processing time

- Only pursue SDS if you have a complete application

- Include accompanying family for faster processing for them too

Student Direct Stream: SDS

- Letter of acceptance

- Proof of financial support documents, including GIC

- Language test results

- Must include medical exam and police clearances (if required)

- Accompanying dependents can also benefit if applying together
IRCC Requests & Outstanding Documents

- IRCC may request additional documents or information
- Timeframe to submit usually 7 – 90 days from IRCC request date
- Letter of explanation if documents still unavailable due to COVID
Biometrics

- Biometrics Instruction Letter
- Book appointment at local Biometrics collection service point to provide Biometrics:
  - digital photo
  - fingerprints
- Status Check Tool online to confirm if Biometrics on file remain valid
- Application processing begins once Biometrics are submitted

Application Approval

- POE Letter of Introduction
- TRV and eTA issued automatically
- Study Permit document issued upon arrival in Canada at POE

Dear

Your application to study in Canada has been approved. A permit authorizing your studies will be issued to you on your arrival to Canada following an examination by an officer of the Canada Border Services Agency, subject to your compliance with the requirements of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act and its Regulations. The officer will ask to see this letter, your passport and may request to see your supporting documents, such as the letter of acceptance from your educational institution. Do not pack these or other valuable papers in your checked luggage. You can find out more about which documents you will need to bring with you by visiting www.cic.gc.ca/english/study/study-arriving.asp.
COVID-19 Considerations

Travel Restrictions

- Travel restrictions – US / non-US
- Purpose of entry must be non-optional / non-discretionary
- Must have Study Permit approval letter and TRV/eTA
- Must be attending DLI with approved COVID-19 readiness plan
COVID-19 Considerations

Quarantine Requirement

- Mandatory stay at Government-Authorized Hotel
- Mandatory 14-day self-isolation requirement
- Follow your DLI’s COVID-19 readiness plan
- No exceptions for vaccinated travelers
- Monitor and prepare in advance!

Questions
Application to Study in Canada, Study Permits (cic.gc.ca)

Study permit: About the process - Canada.ca

Study permit: Who can apply - Canada.ca

Study permit: How to apply - Canada.ca

Guide 5269 - Applying for a Study Permit outside Canada - Canada.ca

Student Direct Stream: About the process - Canada.ca

Register for an IRCC secure account - Canada.ca

Check processing times - Canada.ca

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19): International students - Canada.ca

Flying to Canada requirements checklist – Travel restrictions in Canada – Travel.gc.ca

Driving to Canada requirements checklist – Travel restrictions in Canada – Travel.gc.ca