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Studying in Canada

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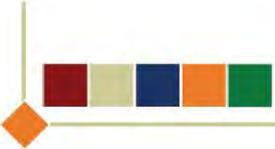
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Reasons to study in Canada:

- World class education with qualifications around the world
- Affordable education
- Possibility of work during and after studies
- Options to immigrate after finishing studies





The Basics:

- All foreign students seeking to attend a program of study where the total course length exceeds 6 months require a Study Permit.
- Study Permit applications must include:
 - ✓ Application forms, fee (USD \$150), Additional Family Information Form, valid passport, 2 recent passport photos, proof of lawful immigration status in the USA
 - ✓ Letter of acceptance from a Designated Learning Institution
 - ✓ Proof of financial support to cover the 1st year of intended studies including tuition plus living expenses (estimated at CAD \$10,000/year), i.e. bank statements and/or proof of parent's income
 - ✓ For minors: Custodianship declaration from both parents and custodian, photocopy of birth certificate and parents' picture IDs
 - ✓ Certificat d'acceptation du Québec (CAQ) for students destined to Québec





Where to apply:

- Applicants who are lawfully admitted to the USA or Canada may submit study permit applications to the Consulate General of Canada in Los Angeles through the VAC, by mail, or apply On-line.
- Citizens and Permanent Residents of the United States also have the option to apply for a Study Permit at a Canadian Port of Entry, i.e. airport or land border.
- Students from Bermuda must submit their study permit applications to the Consulate General of Canada in New York.
- For applying outside the USA or Canada, please refer to “Submit your application” instructions under <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/study/study-how.asp>





The Application Process:

- Processing time for Study Permits within the USA is about 6 weeks.
- Study Permit applications are processed on a case-by-case basis. The officer assesses the bona fides and intentions of the applicant as an intending student, not necessarily the quality of the school in question or the program offered.





Differences between Short Term Studies and a Study Permit:

- **Short Term Studies:**

- Length of study: more than 6 months
- No permit required: applicant will only need a Temporary Resident Visa (TRV) in their passport, unless they are visa-exempt (Americans, Green Card holders).

- **Study Permit:**

- Length of study: more than 6 months
 - Applicants will need an Introduction Letter and a Student Visa (S-1) in their passports.
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Work Permit for Foreign Students:

- Full-time post-secondary students holding a valid Study Permit and in satisfactory academic standing may work on or off campus without a Work Permit.
- Co-op and internship programs include a work permit. The work component must be an integral part of the academic program and cannot exceed 50% of the total program of study.
- ESL/FSL or preparatory programs are not eligible for a work program.
- Spouse or common-law partner can apply for an Open Work Permit.
- “Satisfactory academic standing” means: a satisfactory mark or grade-point average for a particular program of study, or the completion of certain program requirements as specified by the program of study. Canadian Designated Learning Institutions will report to CIC about the academic status of students.





Working After Graduation:

- The Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP) Program allows students who have graduated from a Canadian post-secondary institution to gain valuable Canadian work experience.
- Students who have successfully completed a program of studies of at least 8 months in duration may apply for a PGWP.
- A PGWP may be issued for the same duration as the study program completed (up to a maximum of 3 years).
- Certain students may also qualify to become a **Permanent Resident** of Canada under the **Canadian Experience Class** if:
 - they have successfully completed a program of studies of at least 2 years in Canada; and
 - they have at least 12 months of skilled work experience in Canada





Where to submit:

- On-line application through MyCIC
Try the “Come to Canada Wizard” in www.cic.gc.ca
- Paper application through the Visa Application Centre (VAC) in Los Angeles (in person or by mail)
Address: 2100 E. Grand Avenue, El Segundo, CA 90245
Tel #: (646) 741-0130
Web site: www.csc-cvac.com; Email: la-info@csc-cvac.com
- OR mail to:
Immigration Section
Consulate General of Canada in Los Angeles
550 S. Hope Street, 9th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90071
Email Inquiry: los-angeles-im-enquiry@international.gc.ca





eTA – Electronic Travel Authorization

- As of March 15, 2016, visa-exempt foreign nationals, except for U.S. citizens, **travelling to Canada by air** will need an eTA before they board a flight to Canada. An eTA is not required for entry by land or sea.
- eTA is electronically linked to a traveller's passport and is valid for five years or until the passport expires, whichever comes first.
- To apply for an eTA, travellers just need their passport, a credit card, and an email address, \$7 Canadian.
- Applications can be made on any device with an internet connection, including mobile phones, so last-minute applications can be accommodated.
- For more information, please refer to: www.CIC-eTA-AVE@cic.gc.ca





All information is available at:

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