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Journey to Permanent Residence in Canada for International Students

IMPORTANT: Policies & programs can change. Please consult www.canada.ca/immigration for up-to-date information.

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Agenda

Important concepts

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Important concepts
Coming to Canada

- **Temporary Resident Visa or Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA)**
  - Allows you to travel to Canada but does not give you legal status in Canada

- **At the Port of Entry, a Border Services Officer will decide on:**
  1. Your admission
  2. Your legal status – temporary resident (*visitor, student, worker*) or permanent resident
  3. The length of your stay in Canada as a temporary resident
Extending your Stay as a Student and Maintained Status

**Extend your Study Permit**
- Make sure your school is on the Designated Learning Institutions List
- Gather all required documents
- Apply online, ideally 3-4 months in advance

**Maintained Status**
- If you apply for a new study permit before your old one expires, you can keep studying until a decision is made on your application
- You must remain in Canada
National Occupational Classification (NOC)

NOC 0: management jobs
NOC A: professional jobs
NOC B: technical jobs and skilled trades
NOC C: semi-skilled jobs
NOC D: entry-level jobs

IMPORTANT: Work experience in skilled jobs (NOC 0, A, or B) is required before you can apply for PR through Express Entry.
Language testing

Approved Language Tests

- English
  - CELPIP General
  - IELTS General Training

- French
  - TEF Canada
  - TCF Canada

Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB)

Niveaux de compétence linguistique canadiens (NCLC)
Educational Credential Assessment (ECA)

Do I need to have my education assessed?

- Yes
  - My highest level of education was completed outside Canada
    - Yes
      - Find a designated organization to get an ECA
    - No

- No
  - My highest level of education was completed in Canada
    - No
Your journey so far...
Working in Canada during studies & after graduation
Gaining Work Experience while Studying

**Work On-Campus**
- Full-time student at an eligible educational institution
- Study permit says you can work on- or off-campus
- Have started studying
- Have a Social Insurance Number (SIN)

**Work Off-Campus**
- Full-time student at a designated learning institution (DLI)
- Study program is minimum 6 months and leads to a degree, diploma or certificate
- Study permit says you can work off-campus
- Have started studying and have a SIN

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Options after completing your study program

WITHIN 90 DAYS of receiving your completion letter OR final transcript:

Leave Canada
- Must stop working immediately
- Must leave within 90 days
  (even if study permit still valid)

Stay in Canada
- Be accepted to a new study program
- Apply for a work permit
  (if you want to keep working)
- Change to visitor status

• You can travel outside Canada and return with a valid visa or eTA while application in process
• If you apply when your study permit is still valid, you can work full-time until a decision is made
• You must stop working if your application is refused
• If you wait over 90 days after program completion to apply, you cannot work while your application is in process
Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP)

**What is it?**
- Open work permit
- Helps you gain Canadian work experience
- Helps support your PR application (NOC 0, A, B)
- Not renewable

**How long is it valid?**
- Depends on length of study:
  - Less than 8 months: not eligible
  - 8 months - 2 years: same length as study program
  - 2 years and longer: 3 years

  *A work permit cannot be issued for longer than the validity of your passport*

**How do I qualify?**
- Successfully complete an eligible program
- Study full-time at an eligible Designated Learning Institution
- Do not take unscheduled breaks or unauthorized leave
- Do not exceed the allowable hours of off-campus work
- Apply within **180 days** of receiving written confirmation (including final transcript) that you can graduate
Post Graduation Work Permit (PGWP) – In Canada

• If you graduated or will graduate from a DLI that offers PGWP-eligible programs, you’re still eligible for a post-graduation work permit if:

  • your in-class courses in Canada are moved to an online-only format because of COVID-19, or

  • you had to put your studies on hold or study part-time because of COVID-19 during the winter, spring or summer 2020 semesters.

• As of the fall 2020 semester, you must be studying full-time to be eligible.
How your PGWP eligibility is affected by online learning

You can complete 100% of your program online until August 31, 2022 if you:

- meet all the other PGWP requirements
- have been enrolled in a program that was in progress in March 2020, or
- have started or will start a program between spring 2020 and August 31, 2022, and
  - you have a study permit, or
  - you’ve been approved for a study permit, or
  - you applied for a study permit before starting your study program
    - your study permit must eventually be approved
Your journey continues...

1 year of work experience (NOC 0, A, or B)

Apply for PGWP

Complete your studies

Study in eligible program

Apply for study permit
Pathway to PR for residents of Quebec
Permanent Resident Programs in Quebec

**Permanent Resident (PR) programs** enable immigrants to settle permanently in Canada. In Quebec, immigration is a shared jurisdiction.

**Governement of Quebec:**
- Selects candidates who are destined for Quebec.
- Determines the conditions and selection criteria for candidates.
- Issues the Quebec Certificate of Selection (CSQ).

For more information, please consult MIFI’s website.

**Federal Government:**
- Grants the right of settlement (temporary and permanent) for all foreign nationals on the its territory, including Quebec.
- Checks the admissibility of immigrants (health, security & criminality).
- Delivers permanent residence and grants citizenship.
Admissibility process for residents of Quebec

Once a Québec Certificate of Selection (CSQ) is issued, the candidates must apply at IRCC for admissibility assessment in Canada and fees.

**Admissibility:**
- Health
- Criminality and security (incl. Biometrics)

**Fees:**
- Application & Right of Permanent Residence
Pathway to PR through Express Entry
• Online system that manages expressions of interest in becoming a permanent resident of Canada
• Must meet minimum requirements to create a profile
• Your profile will be given a score and ranked against other candidates
• Creating a profile is free
Pathway to permanent residence through Express Entry

Express Entry is your first step to immigrate permanently as a skilled worker under:

- Federal Skilled Worker Program (FSW)
- Federal Skilled Trades Program (FST)
- Canadian Experience Class (CEC)
- A portion of the Provincial Nominee Program (PNP)

- Only skilled work experience (NOC 0, A, B) qualifies for Express Entry
- Pass an approved language test — results must be less than two years old when you
  - complete your Express Entry profile, and
  - apply for permanent residence
Minimum work experience requirement

**Federal Skilled Worker Program**
- 1 year of continuous work in one skilled occupation
- Experience while studying *can count*
- Experience through self-employment *can count*

**Federal Skilled Trades Program**
- 2 years of work in an eligible skilled trade
- Experience while studying *can count*
- Experience through self-employment *can count*

**Canadian Experience Class**
- 1 year of work in Canada in any skilled occupation
- Unauthorized work does **not** count
- Experience during full-time study does **not** count
- Experience through self-employment does **not** count

**Full-time:** 30 hours/week for 12 months = 1 year full time (1,560 hours), or
**Part-time:** 15 hours/week for 24 months = 1 year full time (1,560 hours)
**More than 1 job:** 30 hours/week for 12 months at more than 1 job = 1 year full time (1,560 hours)
Express Entry is a step-by-step process

**Step 1:** Create your Express Entry Profile

**Step 2:** Receive an Invitation to Apply

Express Entry Pool

Apply for Permanent Residence Online
Express Entry profile

**IMPORTANT**

- Profile is valid for one year
- Keep it up-to-date
- There are no guarantees
- Be truthful
Comprehensive Ranking System (CRS)

Core set of points \( \frac{\text{points}}{\text{600}} \) + Additional points \( \frac{\text{points}}{\text{600}} \) = Total score \( \frac{\text{points}}{\text{1200}} \)

Invitation to Apply (ITA):

- Issued to the **highest scoring candidates** in the Express Entry pool in each invitation round
- Minimum CRS score for ITA on September 14, 2021: 462
- **Click here for more information on the latest ITAs**
- **Click here for a breakdown of CRS points.**
Valid job offer (NOC 00 executive): **200 points**

Valid job offer (NOC 0, A or B): **50 points**

- Job offer must be:
  - minimum **1 year** once you receive PR;
  - non-seasonal;
  - NOC 0, A, or B; and
  - supported by a Labour Market Impact Assessment (LMIA) unless one is not needed

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You can still get points for Canadian work experience without a valid job offer
CRS additional points: Education completed in Canada

⭐ Diploma or certificate (1 or 2 years): **15 points**

⭐ Degree, diploma or certificate (3 years or longer), Master’s, entry-to-practice professional degree, or doctoral degree (minimum one academic year): **30 points**

⚠ You must have completed the studies at a Designated Learning Institution (DLI)

⚠ Each educational program needs to be entered separately into the Express Entry profile
CRS additional points: Canada’s official languages

🌟 French test results at NCL 7 in all four abilities: **25 additional points**

🌟 French test results of NCL 7 in all four abilities + English test results at CLB 5 or higher: **50 additional points**

*Parlez-vous français?*
Visit [canada.ca/francoimmigration](http://canada.ca/francoimmigration) to learn about Francophone life across Canada
Apply for Permanent Residence Online after Receiving an ITA

A Complete Application Requires:
- Electronic application for permanent residence (e-APR)
- Cost recovery fees
- Supporting documentation

Personalized Document Checklist
- Medical examination confirmation
- Police certificates
- Biometrics
- Copy of the biographical data page of a passport or travel document
- Proof of work experience
- Other documents as required

For Complete Applications:
We verify all eligibility and admissibility criteria

Apply within 60 days
How much money do I need?

To pay for your application:

- **Application Fee***: $825
  - Principal applicant
  - Spouse/partner
  - Dependent child

- **Right of Permanent Residence Fee**: $500
  - Principal applicant
  - Spouse/partner

Minimum amount for proof of funds:

- **Proof of Funds (FSW & FST Only)**:
  - **Family of 1**: $13,213
  - **Family of 2**: $16,449
  - **Family of 3**: $20,222
  - **Family of 4**: $24,553

*Fee is for processing and is non-refundable

*Exemption if you have a valid job offer
Your Journey through Express Entry is Complete!
If you are not eligible for Express Entry ...

Other Pathways

- Gain more Experience on a Work Permit
  - Temporary Foreign Worker Program
  - International Mobility Program
- Other Federal Immigration Programs
  - Start-Up Visa
  - Atlantic Immigration Pilot
  - Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot
  - Visit the IRCC website for info on more immigration programs
- Provincial and Territorial Nominee Programs
  - May include options for candidates who do not meet Express Entry requirements
  - To learn more, visit the immigration websites of provinces and territories.
IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON IRCC’S CLIENTS

International Students

canada.ca/ircc-covid19
As of January 15, 2022, travellers are eligible to enter or return to Canada if they qualify as a fully vaccinated traveller. To qualify as a fully vaccinated traveller to Canada, you must:

- have received at least 2 doses of a vaccine accepted for travel
- have received your second dose at least 15 calendar days before you enter Canada
- have no signs or symptoms of COVID-19
- follow pre-entry testing and entry requirements
As COVID-19 impacts continue to evolve, please see: Canada.ca/ircc-covid19

Find out if you can enter Canada
**For More Information**

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**IRCC Client Support Centre:**

1-888-242-2100

**IRCC Web form:**


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