

# This way to Seneca

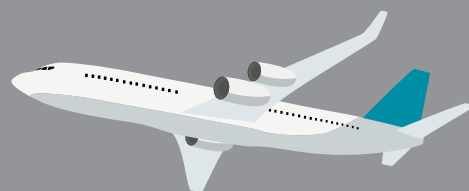
## Section 2 of 2: Arrival

If you need help with any of the steps outlined here contact us at [theservicehub@senecapolytechnic.ca](mailto:theservicehub@senecapolytechnic.ca).

This checklist is specifically for applicants for the Summer (May) 2025 term. It offers tips on what to expect when you arrive in Canada. If you have not already done so, please first review the This way to Seneca — **SECTION 1: PRE-DEPARTURE CHECKLIST** and complete any necessary steps required for your program of study.

### Arrival in Canada

New students starting their studies in May 2025 should make plans to travel to Canada no more than 30 days before the start of class. Returning students may travel earlier.



For the latest updates about travel to Canada please visit the [Government of Canada website](#).

## International Students Enrolling in the May 2025 Term

To be eligible for a **post-graduation work permit (PGWP)**, you must:

- Complete the duration of your program inside Canada.
- Complete at least 50% of your program in class.
- "In class" includes: in-person, hybrid, and flexible delivery format.
- For flexible delivery you must plan to attend on campus.
- Time spent studying outside Canada after September 1, 2024 will be deducted from the length of your PGWP.

In addition, on Sept. 18, 2024, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) announced a policy change regarding PGWP eligibility for international students.

- If you applied for a study permit before Friday, Nov. 1, 2024, you will be eligible for a PGWP if you meet the minimum language proficiency for college graduates, which is Canadian Language Benchmark 5 (CLB5) or CLB7 for degree programs.
- If you apply for a study permit on or after Friday, Nov. 1, 2024, your eligibility for a PGWP will depend on your **program of study**, along with meeting the minimum CLB5 language proficiency, or CLB7 for degree programs.

To ensure you are eligible to apply for a Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP) upon graduation, please refer to this [list of Seneca programs](#) that aligns with IRCC's new requirements. This list may be updated with additional programs, so please check back often.

# 01

## Arrival Information



### 1) Checklist for travellers to Canada:

- a. Provide your information in the **Seneca MOBILE App**, available for **Apple** and **Android**:
  - i. Flight and travel arrival information
  - ii. Seneca will arrange for transportation from the airport to your residence or temporary accommodations at no cost based on your travel plan submitted through the **Seneca MOBILE App** available for **Apple** and **Android**. You must **submit your travel information** at least 72 hours prior to arrival.
- b. It is recommended to provide your arrival information in the **ArriveCAN App**

# 02

## Welcome to Canada

Upon your arrival to Canada please make sure to carry the following with you:

- ☐ Face mask (recommended)
- ☐ Study Permit, or valid Letter of Introduction
- ☐ Passport with a valid student VISA or eTA (electronic Travel Authorization)
- ☐ Letter of Acceptance (LOA) and Provincial Attestation Letter (PAL)
- ☐ Proof that you have **enough money** to support yourself and any family members who come with you to Canada
- ☐ All mandatory and recommended apps on your phone (see [Section 04 – Pre-Departure document](#) for more information)
- ☐ You will not pick up your checked luggage until after you visit Canadian Border Services. Don't pack any mandatory documents or important information in your checked luggage

**NOTE:** Be sure to have any snacks, medication, toiletries and other necessary items in your carry on.



# 03

## Canadian Border Services

In the airport, you will proceed to Canadian Border Services. Present your **mandatory documents** detailed in Section 02 to the Canada Border Services Agent.

**NOTE:** We recommend you complete your mandatory documents and travel plan at least two weeks before you travel to Canada. Keep these documents with you in your carry-on luggage when you travel.



# 04

## At the Airport and to Your Residence or Accommodations

- ☐ Once you have collected your checked luggage, you may take your **pre-arranged transportation** to your place of residence or pre-arranged accommodations.

### FROM THE AIRPORT - OR SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER ARRIVAL:

- ☐ Please confirm your arrival in the **Seneca MOBILE App**, available for **Apple** and **Android**.
- ☐ For housing options and resources, visit Seneca's **Housing Hub**. You can also book a one-on-one housing advisement appointment with our Housing team.



# 05

## Travel From the Airport to Your Place of Residence or Accommodations

Your driver will drop you off at your place of residence or accommodations.



# 06

## During Your First Few Days in Canada

- ☐ Seneca has many **in-person and virtual activities** for international students to help stay connected. Join Student Services to **participate in webinars, local trips and events** to get to know Canadian culture and meet new friends.
- ☐ **View the Life in Canada video** for an introduction to living in Canada and resources to help you get settled.
- ☐ Connect to your **peer mentor**. You can be connected with an upper year student who will share tips that helped them when arriving to Canada and who will introduce you to important resources and answer your questions.

