

# STUDY PERMIT EXTENSION APPLICATION (in Canada)

## Online Application



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### Information

- Study permit extension can only be done inside of Canada.
- The validity period of your study permit cannot exceed that of your passport. Therefore, you should ensure that your passport's validity exceeds the amount of time you are requesting on your application.

### When to apply

- Apply for a study permit extension at least 3-4 months before your study permit expires, if you want to keep studying in Canada

### Cost

- \$150 - processing fee for a study permit extension application
- \$85 - some applicants may need to pay biometrics fee (check if you need to pay on this [website](#))

### Required documents

- **Application to Change Conditions, Extend my Stay or Remain in Canada as a Student (IMM5709)**  
You may read the [instruction guide](#) to understand how to complete this form.
- **Enrolment Verification letter**  
To obtain an Enrolment Verification letter, you must submit an Enrolment Verification Request through Student Home (more information on this [webpage](#)).
- **Proof of Means of Financial Support**  
You must prove that you can support yourself and the family members who will be with you while you are in Canada. Provide as many of these documents as you can: bank statements for the past four months, pay stubs, an employment letter, proof of assets or business, proof of payment of tuition and accommodation fees, proof of a student/education loan from a financial institution, letter from the person or institution providing you with money.
- **Proof of Provincial or Territorial Attestation Letter (PAL or TAL) OR Exception**  
Upload a PAL or attach a letter of explanation to note that you meet one of the exceptions (you may check all PAL/TAL exceptions on this [webpage](#))
- **Copy of Passport**  
Scan the page with your photo and all pages with stamps and visas.
- **Digital photo** ([photograph specifications](#))

In some cases, students may need to add the following documents:

- [Proof of medical exam](#)
- Photocopy of your current immigration document (such as study permit)
- Family Information Form
- Explanation Letter

# APPLICATION PROCEDURE (in Canada)

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### STEP 1

- Log in/ Sign up to your [IRCC account](#)

We recommend using Option 1: GCKey  
(Sign in with your GCKey user ID and password)

- Scroll down to start an application and click on **'Apply to come to Canada'**, as seen below

### Start an application

#### [Apply to come to Canada](#)

Includes applications for visitor visas, work and study permits, Express Entry and International Experience Canada. You will need your personal reference code if you have one.

- In the 'Determine your eligibility and apply online' section, select **'Visitor visa, study and/or work permit'**.

Visitor visa, study and/or work permit



It is best to always reach out to an immigration specialist before you plan or require adjustment to your study progression. If you have been off-track in your study progression or have not complied to the condition of your study permit, such as taken multiple or long leave from studies, please visit an immigration specialist to review your situation before submitting your study permit extension application.

## STEP 2

Answer questionnaire and check your eligibility.

- You will need to answer a series of questions before you are able to upload your required documents.
- Please find below an example. Please keep in mind that every case is specific, and you must answer questions based on your personal case.

**What would you like to do in Canada?**

Study

**How long are you planning to stay in Canada?**

Temporarily - more than 6 months

**Select the code that matches the one on your passport.**

BRA (Brazil)

(insert your country of citizenship)

**What is your current country/territory of residence? If you are presently in Canada, you should select Canada.**

Canada

**Do you have a family member who is a Canadian citizen or permanent resident and is 18 years or older?**

No

**What is your date of birth?**

November 17, 1997

**Which of these responses describes your situation?**

None of the above (if you are already a Seneca student)

If you completed your high school in Canada and want to start studying at Seneca OR you are coming to Seneca from another college/university, you should choose the following option - **I am a student residing in Canada and am changing DLIs.**

**Do you have a provincial or territorial attestation letter or meet an exception from submitting a provincial or territorial attestation letter?**

Yes, I meet an exception from submitting a provincial or territorial attestation letter (you may check all PAL/TAL exceptions on this [webpage](#))

**Are you a lawful permanent resident of the United States with a valid U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) number?**

No

**What is your current immigration status in Canada?**

Student

**What is your marital status?**

Never Married/Single

**What is your province of destination? If visiting multiple provinces, select the one in which you will be spending most of your time.**

Ontario

The first section of the questionnaire will lead to the type of application you are eligible to apply. You should see the below choice and select this to proceed. If you do not see this choice, please connect with an immigration specialist.

**Study Permit (in Canada)**

You may be eligible to extend your stay in Canada as a student.

**Continue**

**Are you accompanying a family member who has status in Canada?**

No

**Do you also want to apply for a work permit?**

No

**When does your status in Canada expire?**

**Date**

December 21, 2025 (your current study permit expiry date)

**Have you had a medical exam performed by an IRCC authorized panel physician (doctor) within the last 12 months?**

No

**A medical exam is needed before you submit your application for foreign nationals who:**

- want to stay in Canada for more than 6 months and have lived in one or more designated countries or territories for more than six months in the past year or;
- intend to work in one of the following jobs:
  - health sciences worker
  - clinical laboratory worker
  - patient attendant in nursing or geriatric homes
  - medical student admitted to Canada to attend university
  - medical elective and physician on short term assignment
  - teacher of primary or secondary schools or other teachers of small children
  - domestics worker, someone who gives in-home care to children, the elderly and the disabled
  - day nursery worker

**Do you fit into one of these categories?**

No

**Do you want to submit an application for a family member?**

No

**Are you giving someone access to your application?**

No

**In the past 10 years, have you given your fingerprints and photo (biometrics) for an application to come to Canada?**

Yes

**There are fees associated with this application. Will you be paying your fees or are you fee exempt?**

Yes, I will be paying my application fees.

**Are you able to make a digital copy of your documents with a scanner or camera?**

Yes

**Will you be paying your application fees online? To pay online, you can use a credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express, JCB, China Union Pay) or a Visa Debit or Debit MasterCard.**

Yes

### **STEP 3**

You will be guided through the following steps to complete your application:

1. Upload your documents
2. Review your application
3. Pay with a credit card
4. Submit your application

After you submit your payment, you will see a page that confirms that your application has been submitted. It will have more information on next steps. Shortly after you submit, you will also receive a confirmation message in your account.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### I've applied to extend my study permit. Can I travel outside Canada and be able to return?

Yes. You can leave Canada and return as long as your visitor visa or Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) is still valid. If your visitor visa or eTA is expired, you must apply for and receive a new one before you leave.

#### Exception

There's only one exception to this. You may be able to re-enter Canada with an expired visitor visa (not an expired eTA) if:

- you only visit the United States or St. Pierre and Miquelon and
- you return to Canada before your study permit expires.

#### When you return to Canada

If your study permit is still valid, or IRCC extended your permit while you were away, IRCC may let you enter as a student.

If IRCC is still processing your study permit extension, IRCC may let you enter as a visitor. In this case, you can't study until you get your extended study permit. The officer at the port of entry may also ask you to prove you have enough money to support yourself in Canada.

A border officer may have some questions for you when you arrive back in Canada. If the officer believes there's reason to refuse your re-entry, you won't be able to re-enter Canada. The officer may ask you for a copy of your extension application, the fee payment receipt, or any other document to prove you applied for an extension.

More information can be obtained from [IRCC's Help Centre](#).

### How long may it take to have your study permit extended?

Check the [processing times](#).

### Can I stay in Canada after my study permit expires if I applied for a new permit?

Yes. You can stay in Canada as a temporary resident until IRCC makes a decision on your new permit application. You must make sure you applied for a new permit before your original permit expired.

If you applied to extend your study permit, you can stay in Canada and continue studying under the conditions of your original study permit if you

- applied to extend your study permit before your original permit expired
- are waiting for a decision on your study permit application

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