

# TEMPORARY RESIDENT VISA APPLICATION (in Canada)

## Online Application



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### Information

You can only apply for a visitor visa from inside Canada if you meet all of these criteria:

- already are in Canada
- hold a valid study
- want to leave and return to Canada in the near future, and
- have an existing visitor visa that's expired, or is about to expire, or that was valid for only 1 entry

### Cost

- \$100 - processing fee for a visitor visa application
- \$85 - some applicants may need to pay biometrics fee (check if you need to pay on this [website](#))

### Required documents

- **Application for Visitor Visa (Temporary Resident Visa) Made Outside of Canada (IMM5257)**  
Complete this immigration form.
- **Enrolment Verification letter**  
If you require a Letter for Immigration and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) purposes, please send the completed Enrolment Verification Request form (PDF) to [theservicehub@senecapolytechnic.ca](mailto:theservicehub@senecapolytechnic.ca) using a valid Seneca email account (more information on this [webpage](#)).
- **Recent Education Transcript**  
Request an official Seneca transcript. Please find how to request an official transcript 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.
- **Copy of Passport**  
Scan the page with your photo and all pages with stamps and visas.
- **Digital photo** ([photograph specifications](#))
- **Copy of your Study Permit**

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

- [Proof of medical exam](#)
- 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 if you have additional questions about a visitor visa application. 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 visitor visa 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

**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

**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?**

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.

### Temporary Resident Visa

You will need a temporary resident visa to return to Canada.

If you are working or studying in Canada, your temporary resident visa may expire at the same time as your work or study permit. If your work or study permit is expiring soon, please renew your study or work permit first. Once your study or work permit is approved, you may apply for your temporary resident visa.

**Continue**

### Which of the following best describes your situation?

I have a study permit

### 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 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
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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

### What happens if you leave Canada before you get your new visitor visa?

You may be subject to

- additional requirements, like biometrics (if not already on file) and/or a medical exam
- a longer processing time
- a delay in your return to Canada

You'll only be able to travel back to Canada once you get your new visitor visa in your passport. There's no guarantee that you'll be approved.

### How long may it take to process your visitor visa application?

Check the [processing times](#).

### What to do if you must leave Canada for exceptional reasons before you get your new visitor visa?

Complete this [web form](#) before you leave Canada.

- IRCC may need to transfer your file to one of their offices abroad.
- IRCC will also need to determine if you meet all the visa requirements for an applicant outside Canada.
- If you don't contact IRCC, there could be a processing delay or your passport could be returned without a visa.

### Do I need to upload a Provincial Attestation Letter to apply for a TRV?

No, you do not need to upload a PAL. Instead, you should provide a brief explanation stating that you are applying for a TRV and, therefore, do not need to obtain a PAL.