

# Temporary Residence Visa

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A temporary resident visa (TRV) is an official document issued by a visa office. It is placed in a person's passport to show that they have met the requirements for admission to Canada as a temporary resident. Holding a TRV alone does not authorize an individual to study or work in Canada.

Only citizens of [certain countries](#) require a TRV to enter Canada. If you are from a country where citizens are required to have a TRV to enter Canada, you will have obtained a TRV before leaving for Canada.

A TRV is sometimes referred to as a Visitor Visa or Entry Visa.

Although it is not mandatory to have a valid TRV while you are studying in Canada, it is advisable to keep your TRV valid in case you are required to leave Canada unexpectedly.

If you are already in Canada with a valid study permit, you may apply for a new TRV in Canada.

**For steps and instructions, view the [Temporary Resident visa application \(in Canada\) guide](#).**

You should apply at least 3 months before your planned departure from Canada.

If your Study Permit is expiring soon, please renew your Study Permit first, and then apply for a TRV.

If your TRV expires, you will not be allowed to re-enter Canada even if you have a valid Study Permit.

## **[Extending Temporary Residence Visa FAQs](#)**

If you have some additional questions and wish to be connected to an immigration specialist, please contact [theservicehub@senecapolytechnic.ca](mailto:theservicehub@senecapolytechnic.ca) to have a case opened.

If you require assistance in reviewing your application with an Immigration Specialist, it is

best to book and appointment with them in person on-campus with all your relevant documents. Visit the [immigration advisement page](#) for details on how to book an appointment.

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