Come to Canada

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Here to tell you about …

• Canada is open to the world.
• A range of options for working, studying, and living in Canada …
• … temporarily, or permanently!
• Improving our programs for changing times.
• Modernization and use of technology make applying easier and faster.
US travel ban could be boon for Canada's tech sector
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Canadian universities see rise in U.S. applicants

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Canadian Values

• Striving to be an “open society”
• Country of immigration – immigration nearly 1% of population per year
• National & racial origin removed from immigration criteria in 1960s
• Pursuing social, cultural, and economic benefits of immigration, balanced with security
Temporary Residents

- Temporary Resident Status and related authorizations
  1. Temporary Resident Visa (Visitor) **TRV**
     a) USA (& some others) exempt
     b) eTA (like ESTA)
  2. Study Permit **SP**
  3. Work Permit **WP**
Studying in Canada - Permits

• Study Permit required for programs longer than six months
• Short programs – with or without permit
• Visa-exempt student (includes USA citizen or permanent resident) may apply
  – in advance
  – or at Port of Entry (complete documentation)
Studying in Canada - Work

- **On campus** – at university or college
- Full-time students at Designated Institution can work **off campus**:  
  - 20 hours per week during session  
  - full time during breaks
- Post-graduation work permits – duration of program, up to 3 years.
Studying in Canada – path to PR

• **Leg up / foot in the door** for permanent resident applications:
  – Extra points for Skilled Workers
  – Canadian Experience Class
  – Express Entry ranking system
Working in Canada

• Most employment requires a Work Permit
• Many permits also require a Labour Market Impact Assessment (LMIA)
  – Post-Graduation - exempt
  – Post-docs, award holders, guest lecturers, visiting professors - exempt
  – Spouse of Study or Work Permit holder - exempt
FLYING TO CANADA?
ENTRY RULES HAVE CHANGED. FIND OUT IF THEY APPLY TO YOU
CANADA.CA/eTA
A new entry requirement for visa-exempt foreign nationals travelling to Canada by air.

eTA is a key part of the Canada – U.S. Beyond the Border Action Plan. It allows Canada to screen visa-exempt travellers before they board their flight.

Canada’s eTA mirrors the U.S. Electronic System Travel Authorization (ESTA).

Exemptions: American citizens, travellers with a valid visa, and travellers entering Canada by land or sea

US permanent residents will need to obtain an eTA if flying to Canada.
Applying for an eTA is an easy, inexpensive online process that will take just a few minutes.

Applications can be made on any device with an internet connection, including mobile phones, so last-minute applications can be accommodated.

Travellers just need their passport, a credit card, and an e-mail address.

It only costs $7 Canadian.

Travellers are encouraged to get their eTA before booking their flights.

Upon submission of payment and completed eTA application, clients will receive an automated confirmation e-mail.

Most eTA applicants are approved within 2 minutes.
Permanent Residents

- 2017 Global Target: ± 300,000
  1. Economic Classes (± 58%)
  2. Family Reunification (± 28%)
  3. Refugee & Humanitarian (± 14%)
Permanent Residents: **Economic Stream**

- Based on Economic Potential
  - Federal Skilled Worker Program
  - Canadian Experience Program
  - Federal Skilled Trades Program
  - Provincial Nominee Programs
  - Quebec Programs
  - Business Immigration (Entrepreneurs, Self-Employed, Investors, Start Up)
Skilled Workers (Federal and Quebec)

The Federal Skilled Worker Class

• persons who are skilled workers, and
• who may become permanent residents on the basis of their ability to become economically established in Canada.
• main criteria of selection: work experience, education, language and adaptability.
**Canadian Experience Class (CEC)**

- For temporary foreign workers and foreign graduates with qualifying Canadian work experience.
- Federal – will reside in a province other than Quebec.
- Experience in Canada: at least one year of full-time (or part-time equivalent) work experience, in one or more higher-skilled occupations.
- Minimum language proficiency – tested.
Program to enable provinces to support the immigration of persons who

– have expressed an interest in settling in their province, and

– province believes will be able to contribute to the economic development and prosperity of that province and Canada,

– many nominated after work/study
Express Entry
What is Express Entry?

• Express Entry is the first step to immigrate to Canada as a skilled worker under one of the federal economic immigration programs:
  – Federal Skilled Worker Program;
  – Federal Skilled Trades Program;
  – Canadian Experience Class;
  – Some Provincial Nominee programs.

• Express Entry is an electronic application management system that has been in place since January 1, 2015.
Express Entry: Objectives

• The Express Entry system makes it possible to:
  – Offer better service to immigrants, with a permanent resident processing time of 6 months or less*
  – Meet the needs of the Canadian economy by selecting candidates who are most likely to succeed in Canada

• Express Entry is not a new immigration program or a lottery. It makes it possible for interested persons to submit an expression of interest to immigrate to Canada permanently.

* In most cases, from the moment that CIC receives a complete permanent residence application.
Express Entry – what it is and does

• New **gateway** to accept and manage applications online
• Encourages finding a job before arrival
• Facilitates matches with Canadian Employers
• Potential candidates can complete an Express Entry profile online at any time.
• No caps on the number of candidates that will be accepted to the pool.
Two-step application – “hat in the ring”
Express Entry pool

- To be eligible to receive an invitation to submit a permanent residence application, candidates must:
  - Meet the selection criteria of at least one federal economic immigration program
  - Register with Job Bank (free) in the 30 days following their creation of a profile if they do not have a valid job offer or a provincial or territorial nomination
  - In connecting Job Bank employers with candidates, employment opportunities in Canada are matched with candidates based on their skills, knowledge and experience.
- Once in the pool, candidates are awarded points according to the Comprehensive Ranking System, based on the information they provided in their profile.
- Profiles remain in the pool for up to one year.
Comprehensive Ranking System (CRS)

- Up to 1,200 points, awarded based on the following:
  - Core factors related to skills and professional experience
    - Age
    - Education
    - Knowledge of English or French
    - Work experience in Canada
  - Factors related to a spouse or common-law partner (education, knowledge of English or French, work experience in Canada)
  - Transferability of skills
  - Additional points: offer of arranged employment and provincial nomination
- Candidates are ranked in descending order based on their CRS score.
“Bonus Points” Summary

• Job offers:
  – 50 points for a job requiring University or College training
  – 200 points for a job in a senior management occupation

• 600 points are awarded to candidates with a certificate of nomination from a province.

• Post-secondary studies completed in Canada:
  – 15 points for a one- or two-year diploma or certificate
  – 30 points for a degree, diploma or certificate of three years or more (including a Master’s, professional diploma or PhD).
The highest ranked candidates in the pool may receive an invitation to apply.

- The invitation to submit an immigration application is sent by email.

Candidates have 90 days to submit an electronic immigration application.

IRCC will then determine whether the application has been duly completed and whether candidates meet all eligibility criteria.

Candidates who decline the invitation within 90 days will remain in the pool and may receive another invitation in the future.
Must submit valid language tests (IELTS) and Educational Credential Assessment to obtain points

Profiles valid one year – can resubmit and re-enter

Can update with earned credentials or experience
Start-Up Visa

- Letter of support/commitment from:
  - Business Incubator program, or
  - Angel Investor group (> $75,000), or
  - Venture Capital fund (> $200,000)

- Intermediate English/French skills

- Up to five persons for 1 business
Start-Up Visa

• The entrepreneurial team and the investing entity are required to have an equity stake in the business of over 50% and;

• Each individual member of the entrepreneurial team is required to have at least a 10% equity stake.

• More focus on quality of applicants than results of the business.
Application Channels

Options:

• Visa Application Center (VAC)
• Online application (e-App)
• By mail
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Services available at the VAC

• Services are mainly optional and fees are charged.
• There is a wide range of services available that make the VAC a “one stop shop” convenient to applicants.
• VAC computers are available to complete application online (self-service) or you can even have a VAC staff complete the application online with you (full-service).
• Passport size pictures can be taken at the VAC and they are even equipped to collect biometrics.
Advantages of using the VAC

- The Immigration section is no longer open to the public.
- Extended hours of operation from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.
- VAC agents are available by phone, e-mail and in person to answer questions in English and French.
- When applicant submit a complete application, it helps avoid refusals for incompleteness or applications returned to the applicant unprocessed because of incorrect fee, etc.
VAC contact information

http://www.csc-cvac.com/

2100 E. Grand Avenue
El Segundo
CA, 90245

Phone Number: (646) 741-0130

Email Address: la-info@csc-cvac.com
Online Applications (e-Apps)

• Apply from any computer (fill – scan – upload – pay the fee – validate).
• The application is accepted, promoted, transferred to appropriate office in a day.
• Applicants create a “MyCIC account” where we can communicate with them securely.