



Immigration, Refugees
and Citizenship Canada

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Come to Canada

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Canada



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.





Canada technology skills shortage

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SIMONA CHIOSE - EDUCATION REPORTER

The Globe and Mail

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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





eTA



FLYING TO CANADA?

ENTRY RULES HAVE CHANGED. FIND OUT IF THEY
APPLY TO YOU

CANADA.CA/eTA





eTA – Electronic Travel Authorization

- 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.





eTA – Simple, online application process

- 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: $\pm 300,000$
 1. Economic Classes ($\pm 58\%$)
 2. Family Reunification ($\pm 28\%$)
 3. Refugee & Humanitarian ($\pm 14\%$)





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.





Provincial Nominee Programs

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”

STEP 1

Create your profile

EXPRESS ENTRY
ENTRÉE EXPRESS

Register with

Job Bank

and promote yourself to employers



Express Entry Pool



STEP 2

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Invitation to Apply



Apply for permanent residence online





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).





Invitation to Apply

- 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.





A few things to keep in mind ...

- 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





Summary

Application	VAC	Online	By mail to visa office	In-person Visa office
TRV (visitor visa)	Yes	Yes	No	No *Except for Diplomats
Study permit	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Work permit (processed in New York)	Yes	Yes	No	No





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 on line 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

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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.

