



Visitor Visa (TRV) and Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA)

If your study program in Canada is less than 6 months in duration, you don't require a study permit: <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada/study-permit/eligibility/study-without-permit.html>

To come to Canada for short-term studies, you must apply to Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) for a visitor visa or Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA).

What documents do I need?

Use this tool to find out what documents you need to enter Canada from your home country:

<https://ircc.canada.ca/english/visit/visas.asp>

Depending on your situation, you will need either an **eTA** or a **TRV**. Please go to the right section in the guide for next steps.

eTA

In most cases, you will require an **electronic Travel Authorization** to enter Canada if you don't require a visa.

**US citizens and lawful permanent residents of the US are exempt from the eTA requirement.*

Application process

Apply online:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/visit-canada/eta/apply.html>

To complete the application, you will need your passport and a credit card.

The application requires this information: your name, date of birth, city and country of birth, funds available for your stay in Canada, passport number and issue and expiry dates, email address, and residential address.

You will be notified by email when your eTA is approved. This message includes your eTA number – keep this number for future reference.

An eTA is valid for 5 years, or until the expiry of your passport – whichever happens first.

TRV (Temporary Resident Visa)

Students from some countries will require a temporary resident visa (TRV) to enter the country:
<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp>

Application process

Apply online or in person at a Visa Application Centre (VAC).

Apply online: <https://ircc.canada.ca/english/information/applications/visa.asp>

Note: If you are required to submit biometrics (fingerprints), you cannot apply online; you must apply at a VAC: <https://ircc.canada.ca/english/visit/biometrics.asp>

Find the VAC closest to you: <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/contact-ircc/offices/find-visa-application-centre.html>

Processing time

Processing times for your application depends on the visa office where you apply. You can monitor application processing times here: <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/application/check-processing-times.html>

Complete the application (IMM5257E) Application for a Visitor Visa (TRV)

Please note not all questions are listed – answer questions with what is true for you.

1. UCI	If this is your first IRCC application, you do not have a client ID number
2. Visa requested	Visitor visa
Personal Details	
7. Current Country of Residence	Where you live now
8. Previous countries of residence	List countries you've lived for 6 months or more
9. Country where applying	"yes" if same as country of residence
Contact Information	
1. Current mailing address	Give as much information as possible, including postal code
2. Resident address, same as mailing address?	If your mailing address is where you live, answer 'Yes'.
6. Email address	This is how IRCC will contact you. Ensure you check this often and check your spam folder
Details of Visit to Canada	
1. Purpose of visit	Short term studies (<i>for students</i>) Family visit (<i>for visiting family members</i>)
2. Indicate how long you plan to stay	Indicate the date you will enter Canada and the date you will leave (must be less than 6 months)
3. Funds Available for my stay	You should have at least \$1000/month plus tuition i.e. If your tuition is waived and you will stay for 5 months, you should indicate at least \$5000
4. Name and address of Institution	Nova Scotia Community College

	State the address of your campus as indicated on your NSCC acceptance letter
Education	
Have you had any post-secondary education (including university, college or apprenticeship training)?	Answer 'Yes' if you are an exchange student or have gone to college before Answer 'No' if you are joining NSCC directly from high school.
Employment	
	Enter all jobs you've had in the past 10 years
Background Information #2	
A) Have you ever remained beyond the validity of your status, attended school without authorization or worked without authorization in Canada?	a) If you have studied or worked without a valid study or work permit, you will need to provide details and explanation.
B) Have you ever refused any kind of visa, admission, or been ordered to leave Canada or any other country?	b) If you were ever refused any visa, admission to Canada or any other country please indicate and briefly explain.
Signature	You don't need to print and sign the form – instead, click " Validate " and then save this version (the last page should be a bar code). This is the version that you will upload online.

Complete and submit these forms with your application:

- **Application for Temporary Resident Visa** (IMM 5257)
- **Family Information** (IMM 5645) you must enter information about your parents, brothers, sisters and any children on this form; write **Not Applicable** if you do not have siblings or children
- **Document Checklist** (IMM 5484)

Supporting documents (depending on your situation):

- You need to submit your **original passport** when applying for a Temporary Resident Visa (TRV).
- **Biometrics** (fingerprints). Do **not** have your biometric fingerprints and photo taken before you submit your application. You can have your biometrics collected **after** you submit your application and have received a biometric instruction letter which will direct you to a list of points of service you may choose from; **or at the same time** as you are submitting your application in person at a Visa Application Centre (VAC).
- If you are not required to give biometrics, you must submit a passport sized photo (**digital** if you apply online; or **two photos** with your name and birthdate written on the back if you apply at a VAC).
- Acceptance letter from NSCC Registrar's Office
- Proof of financial support - include any letters of financial support from a scholarship or from your parents; if your parents are funding your stay, include their bank statements
- Copy of your return flight – plane ticket or itinerary

Pay the application fee (\$100.00) and biometric processing fee (if applicable).

Information about studying in Canada without a study permit:

While you don't require a study permit for any program that is under 6 months long, you can opt to apply for a study permit.

If you study without a permit (you are in Canada on a visitor permit), please note:

- You cannot work while studying
- Your stay is limited to 6 months (or what is stamped in your passport) and you will need to either apply to extend your stay or leave Canada after this time.
- You can not study longer than 6 months or leave and then come back to study longer under a new visa entry. If you are coming to NSCC for a short term program (eg. Exchange) but are considering apply for a full-time program in the future, you may elect to apply for a study permit.

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