



International Student Guide: Apply for Initial Study Permit from Inside Canada (only certain situations)

You can **only** apply for a study permit from within Canada if you fall under one of these categories:

- you have a valid study or work permit
- your spouse, common-law partner or parent has a valid study or work permit
- you're a minor child in primary or secondary school
- you're an exchange student or visiting student
- you completed a short-term course or study program required to be accepted at a DLI

If you currently hold visitor status and would like to apply for a study permit and you do not fit into one of the categories above, you must follow the instructions for applying for a study permit from **outside** Canada, even though you are physically in Canada. *See our guide: [Apply for Initial Study Permit](#).*

If your passport will expire soon, apply for a new passport **before** applying for your study permit. If you intend to work in Canada after you graduate, you will need a valid study permit when you apply for your post-graduate work permit (PGWP). Ensure you have 3 extra months after your studies officially end.

You may be required to submit biometrics for this application, if you have not done so already in a previous application. This question will be asked in the questionnaire – answer “yes” or “no” based on your situation. There is a fee of \$85 for this process, and instructions will be provided.

Please note these instructions are general, and do not address specific personal situations. If you have any questions, be sure to contact NSCC International before proceeding.

Follow these steps to apply for your initial study permit online:

1. Create your MyCIC account using GCKey or Sign-in Partner/Log into MyCIC

If you are a new user, you will need to create your MyCIC account through GCKey or Sign-in Partner at www.cic.gc.ca/english/e-services/mycic.asp.

1. Complete the questionnaire

Scroll down to “**Start an Application**”, and choose “**Apply to come to Canada**”. You should not have a personal reference code at this time, so scroll down to “**I do not have a Personal Reference Code**”, and click on:

Visitor, study and/or work permit

Please note – **not all** questions are listed below. Provide answers based on what is true for you. However, you must input the following:

Determine your Eligibility	Answers
What would you like to do in Canada?	Study
How long are you planning to stay in Canada?	Temporarily – more than 6 months
What is your current country of residence?	Canada
What is your current immigration status in Canada?	Visitor

After you select “Visitor”, you will be directed to a new link. Choose **“Yes”** for the first option, and **“no”** for the rest.

Find out if you're eligible to apply

Does one of the following apply to you?

- I am subject of a removal order that is unenforceable
- I applied for a study or work permit before entering Canada which was approved, but not issued at a port of entry; or
- I am a primary or secondary student with visitor status in Canada; or
- I am a visiting or exchange student with visitor status in Canada; or
- I am a student who has completed a program of study that is a prerequisite to my enrolment at a designated learning institution with visitor status in Canada; or
- I applied for permanent residence and was found eligible (first stage approval) under one of the following classes:
 - Spouse or Common-law Partner in Canada
 - Humanitarian and Compassionate cases
 - Protected Persons in Canada
 - Live-in Caregiver in Canada

(required)

Yes

Have you been accepted into a Designated Learning Institution in Canada?	Yes
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You will now see **“Your results – Study permit”**. Click **“Continue”** to proceed to your document checklist. You will need to answer a few more questions.

Personal Checklist	Answers
When does your status in Canada expire?	Your visitor status expiry date
Have you had a medical exam performed by a CIC authorized panel physician (doctor) within the last 12 months?	Depending on your situation – if “yes”, you must supply the UMI number.
Have lived in one or more <u>designated countries or territories</u> for more than 6 months in the last year?	No
Do you want to submit an application for a family member?	No
Are you giving someone access to your application?	No

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.
Do you have the ability to create a digital image of your documents (through scanning or taking a picture) and will you pay your application fees online using a visa, MasterCard or American Express?	Yes. If you don't have a credit card, you can purchase a pre-paid visa.

You should now see your **Document Checklist**. Your personal reference code is at the top of the page – you will need to input this to continue your application online.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the title 'Your document checklist'. Below the title is a sub-header 'Studying in Canada – Your personal checklist' and a note: 'Based on your answers, you may be eligible to come to Canada as a student.' There are three main sections:

- A box stating: 'To apply online, you will need this personal reference code: B[redacted]'.
- Step 1:** 'Record your personal reference code. This code will expire on [redacted] 3:26:50 PM GMT. It is valid only for this application. When you apply online, you will need to enter your personal reference code. We will use this code to retrieve the list of documents you need to submit with your application.'
- Step 2:** 'Print this page. You will need this information to apply.'

Note the documents required, and the fee (\$150).

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Versions of application forms for study permits and work permits dated November 2013 (11-2013), or later, and applications for temporary resident visas dated March 2014 (03-2014), or later, can only be uploaded to your account.

Application Form(s)

Application to Change Conditions, Extend my Stay or Remain in Canada as a Student (IMM5709)

Supporting Documents

Letter of Acceptance ?

Passport ?

Proof of Means of Financial Support ?

Digital photo ?

Fees

Fees			
Application	Quantity	Price (CAD) per unit	Total (CAD)
Study Permit	1	\$150	\$150

The fee shown is an estimate based on the fees in effect on the day that this Personal Reference Code is issued. The actual fees to be paid will be calculated on the date of submission.

Total Price (CAD) \$150

2. Fill in the online application form and gather supporting documentation.

Completing the application (IMM5709) Form:

1. UCI	Client ID (if you have one)
3. I'm applying for one or more of the following:	Apply for a study permit for the first time or extend my study permit
Personal Details	
7. Current Country of Residence – Canada <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Status From (YYYY-MM-DD) To (YYYY-MM-DD) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visitor The very first day you arrived in Canada (your first study permit issuance date) Your visitor status expiry date
Contact Information	
1. Current mailing address	The address where your document will be mailed – it can be the same or different from your resident address
2. Resident address, same as mailing address?	If your mailing address is where you live, answer 'Yes'.
Coming into Canada	
1. Date & place of your original entry to Canada	Date & place of your very first entry to Canada
2. The original purpose of coming to Canada	Study
3. Date & place of your most recent entry to Canada (if not the same as original entry)	If you have recently travelled outside of Canada, this is the date and place of your most recent return to Canada.
4. If applicable, provide the document number...	If you have a paper visitor record, input this document number; otherwise, leave blank
Details of Intended Study in Canada	
2. Designated Learning Institution (DLI) #	O19091820452
3. My program and level of study will be:	Diploma of xxx program or Certificate of xxx program
4. Duration of expected study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Date of completing the application

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From (YYYY-MM-DD) To (YYYY-MM-DD) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Estimated date of program completion: your request should be 90 days after your graduation
5. The cost of my studies will be: Tuition Room & board Other	Indicate the fees for one year only
6. Funds available for my stay (CAD)	The amount indicated should be the same amount, or less, as the proof of funds provided with your application.
7. a) In addition to a study permit, are you also applying for a work permit?	Depending on your situation – if you are applying for a co-op work permit, choose “yes”
Education	
Have you had any post-secondary education (including university, college or apprenticeship training)?	Answer ‘Yes’ if you are a transfer student or have gone to college/university Answer ‘No’ if you came to NSCC directly from high school.
Employment	
‘Current occupation/Activity’	Your current activity is “Student”. Enter information first, then include past employment. <i>Please note: It is not necessary to enter your part-time work on or off campus.</i>
Background Information	
a) Have you ever remained beyond the validity of your status, attended school without authorization or worked without authorization in Canada? b) Have you ever refused any kind of visa, admission, or been ordered to leave Canada or any other country?	a) If you have studied or worked without a valid study or work permit, you will need to provide details and explanation. 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.

Scan these supporting documents:

- digital photo (420x540 pixels)
- passport pages (all pages with stamps, visas, photos) saved as one single PDF document
- confirmation of enrolment letter from NSCC Registrar’s Office – this letter also works as confirmation of your work term/co-op requirement
- proof of financial support (statement of balance from your bank)

3. Upload the IMM 5709 form and supporting documents.



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4. Pay the application fee (\$150.00) with a credit card (VISA, MasterCard, American Express).

Make sure you see the official receipt on the screen.

Submit the application.

Once your application has been successfully transmitted, you will see a confirmation of application submission under "My Messages".