
Immigration requirements

Overseas students enter Canada as temporary residents (visitors) and, in order to be granted entry, require some or all of the following documents:⁴

Valid passport: All students must be in possession of a valid passport which confers the right to re-enter their country of citizenship or to enter some other country. Passports are required by all students except for citizens or permanent residents of the United States entering Canada from the United States or St. Pierre and Miquelon, or citizens of France who are residents of St. Pierre and Miquelon, or a permanent resident of Greenland entering Canada from Greenland.

Visa: Visas are issued by Canadian diplomatic and/or consular officers or, in some countries where there are no Canadian diplomatic and/or consular officers, from representatives of the British government.

Medical clearance and vaccination: The requirement will vary from country to country, and is established by the Canadian post abroad. It applies in general to countries with a higher incidence of communicable disease than Canada. If an examination is required, a medical form will be provided by the Canadian diplomatic and/or consular officer. *A list of designated medical practitioners* will also be provided.

Letter of acceptance or the form "Acceptance for a Course of Study in Canada": issued by a Canadian university or college (see list of Canadian universities and colleges); essential to ensure issuance of student authorization.

Student authorization (IMM 1208): This document must be obtained from a Canadian diplomatic or consular officer and must be in the proposed student's possession prior to seeking entry to Canada. (Citizens and permanent residents of the USA, St. Pierre and Miquelon or Greenland can apply for these authorizations when seeking entry at a port of entry to Canada.) This document is also a record of entry and is proof of status in Canada. It is important to seek renewals well in advance (30 days) of the expiry date.

Proof of sufficient funds to pay tuition fees and the maintenance and transportation of the student and any accompanying dependents.

⁴A pamphlet containing information about immigration regulations, entitled *Studying in Canada, Facts for Foreign Students*, is published by the Department of Employment and Immigration. It is available for consultation at Canadian posts abroad, and may be obtained from the Immigration Division, Department of Employment and Immigration, Ottawa K1A 0J9, Canada.