

### III 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:<sup>5</sup>

(a) *Valid passport*: Must guarantee re-entry into the student's own or another country, and is required by all students except legal permanent residents of the United States.

(b) *Visa*: Visas are obtained abroad from Canadian diplomatic, consular and immigration officials or, in some countries where there is no Canadian diplomatic or consular office, from representatives of the British Government.

(c) *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 immigration officer. A *list of designated medical practitioners* will also be provided. (A medical examination will always be required if the student is to receive Canadian

Government financial assistance.) The Canadian Government usually requires vaccination for smallpox, cholera and yellow fever only when people coming from abroad are from areas where these diseases are endemic, or if they are known or suspected to have had recent contact with these diseases. Be certain to ask a Canadian Government representative about quarantine regulations before leaving home.

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

(e) *Student authorization (IMM 1208)*: This document must be obtained from an immigration official and must be in the proposed student's possession prior to seeking entry to Canada. (Citizens and permanent residents of the U.S.A., 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.

(f) *Proof of sufficient funds and return passage*

<sup>5</sup>A 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.