

A Study Permit is the official document issued by Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) that allows you to study in Canada. Most students who are planning to study for more than 6 months in Canada must apply for and be issued a Study Permit before arriving in Canada.<sup>1</sup>

If you will be studying in Canada for more than 6 months, either at one or more schools, you must obtain a Study Permit.<sup>2</sup> You do not need a Study Permit to participate in programs that are shorter than 6 months as long as you can complete the program within the period of time that you were initially authorized to stay in Canada.<sup>3</sup> If you do not need a Study Permit, skip ahead to the section of this document 'Temporary Resident Visa or Electronic Travel Authorization'.

You should apply for a Study Permit as far in advance as possible, as soon as you receive your Letter of Acceptance and Provincial Attestation Letter from The University of Winnipeg. Application processing times vary significantly, depending on the Visa Office to which you submit your application. An application may take between two weeks and six months (or more) to be processed. For a list of processing times by Visa Office, please see the IRCC website (cic.gc.ca/english/information/times/temp.asp).

Submit your application online through the IRCC website <u>https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-</u> <u>citizenship/services/study-canada.html</u> or by paper through the Visa Application Centre in your country of citizenship or residence (<u>cic.gc.ca/english/information/offices/vac.asp</u>).<sup>5</sup>

To apply for an initial Study Permit, you must complete a number of forms and provide the following supporting documents:

Form: Application for a Study Permit Made Outside of Canada (IMM 1294);

Form: Family Information (IMM 5645);

A Letter of Acceptance from The University of Winnipeg;

A Provincial Attestation letter from The University of Winnipeg; \*<u>new</u>\*

A valid passport;

Two photos meeting IRCC specifications;

Evidence that you have enough money to pay for your studies and to support yourself while in Canada; and Letter of Explanation.

## Please Note:

The application fee for a Study Permit is \$150 CAD.

Depending on your personal circumstances, you may need to complete additional forms or provide additional documents with your application. You may also be required to undergo a medical exam performed by an IRCC panel physician, submit an original copy of a police certificate/check, or provide biometrics.

Check the instructions for the Visa Office to which you are applying for more information (Under 'Apply on paper', Select your country of citizenship or residence): <u>cic.gc.ca/english/information/applications/student.asp</u>

If you require both a Study Permit and a Temporary Resident Visa you must submit an application for a Study Permit. If your application is approved, you will be issued a Temporary Resident Visa along with a Study Permit. In this case, you are not required to complete a separate application or pay an additional fee for a Temporary Resident Visa.

Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) states that you can prove that you have sufficient funds to support yourself in Canada by showing some of the following:

Proof of a Canadian bank account in your name if money has been transferred to Canada;

Proof of a student/education loan from a financial institution;

Your bank statements for the past four months (or bank statements from a person who is providing you with money);

Proof of funding paid from within Canada if you have a scholarship or are in a Canadian-funded educational program. The following table shows the amount of money to which you must demonstrate you have access in order to meet your country. eTA approval is usually granted within minutes. However, in some rare cases, additional administrative processing is required.

You do not need to complete a separate application for a TRV if you are applying for a study permit. You should apply for a study permit and if your application is approved, you will be given a Temporary Resident Visa automatically along with a Study Permit.

If you do not require a Study Permit, submit your TRV application online through the IRCC website (<u>cic.gc.ca/ctc-vac/getting-started.asp</u>) or by paper through the Visa Application Centre in your country of citizenship or residence (<u>cic.gc.ca/english/information/offices/vac.asp</u>).

To apply for a Temporary Resident Visa, you must complete a number of forms and provide the following supporting documents:

Form:

A Designated Learning Institution (DLI) is a school in Canada that a student must be accepted at before they can qualify for a Study Permit. The University of Winnipeg is a Designated Learning Institution (DLI) and our DLI number is: O19147986012.

Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) <u>website</u>:; International Student Services Immigration Advising webpage: <u>uwinnipeg.ca/student/intl/services-for-all-</u> <u>students/immigration-advising.html</u>; and