



# International Student Guide: Visitor Visa or eTA

To study in Canada for less than 6 months, you must apply to Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) for a visitor visa or electronic Travel Authorization (eTA).

Please check the CIC website to see what is required to enter Canada from your home country:  
<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp>

## eTA

In most cases, you will require an **electronic Travel Authorization** to enter Canada. This application is done online and costs \$7. 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 granted an eTA immediately following your application and payment:  
<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/eta-start.asp>

## Temporary Resident (visitor) Visa (TRV)

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

If you do require a TRV, please follow these steps:

### Application process

You should apply online or in person at a Visa Application Centre (VAC). Find the VAC closest to you: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/offices/vac.asp>

*Note: If you are required to submit biometrics (fingerprints), you cannot apply online; you must apply at a VAC: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/biometrics.asp>*

### Processing time

The length of time to process your application varies depending on the visa office where you applied and often ranges from 4-12 weeks. For more information, see [application processing times](#).



## Complete the application (IMM5257E) Application for a Visitor Visa (Temporary Resident Visa)

1. UCI	If this is your first IRCC application, you do not have a client ID number
<b>Personal Details</b>	
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
<b>Contact Information</b>	
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
<b>Details of Visit to Canada</b>	
1. Purpose of visit	Short term study
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
<b>Education</b>	
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 came to NSCC directly from high school.
<b>Employment</b>	
	Enter all jobs you've had in the past 10 years
<b>Background Information #2</b>	
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.
<b>Signature</b>	You don't need to print and sign the form – instead, click " <b>Validate</b> " 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)
- *Schedule 1 – Application for Temporary Resident Visa* (IMM 5257 – Schedule 1), if applicable

## Supporting documents:

- You need to submit your **original passport** when applying for a Temporary Resident Visa (TRV).
- Find out if you are required to provide **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 statement
- Copy of your return flight – plane ticket or itinerary

**Pay the application fee (\$100.00) and \$85 biometric processing fee.** To find out how to pay, check the website of the [Canadian visa office](#) that serves your country. Fees are often paid by certified cheque or money order and may have to be paid in local currency.

