

International Students: Travel Restrictions and Preparing to Enter Canada

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Students are responsible for their own travel arrangements and awareness of travel restrictions.

The information provided within this document is meant to be used as a guide only and is not comprehensive.

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Step 1: Check if you're eligible to travel to Canada

Effective October 1, 2022, the Government of Canada removed all COVID-19 entry restrictions, as well as testing, quarantine, and isolation requirements for anyone entering Canada. This includes the removal of the mandatory use of ArriveCAN (it is now optional) and proof of vaccination.

Transport Canada has also removed requirements to undergo health checks and wear masks on planes and trains, effective October 1, 2022.

Review the requirements to enter Canada as a study permit holder at this link: [Study permit: Prepare for arrival - Canada.ca](#).

Relevant Link: [Government of Canada to remove COVID-19 border and travel measures effective October 1 - Canada.ca](#).

Step 2: Before you travel to Canada

As you begin making plans to travel to Canada, review this list carefully. **Please note that there may be additional steps to follow. Consider your personal circumstances and any other preparations you may need to complete.**

1. **Download the ArriveCAN App (optional):** Download the [ArriveCAN App](#) to prepare for your arrival to Canada. You can submit an advance customs declaration in advance through the ArriveCAN App for [participating port-of-entry airports](#). This may save you time at your port-of-entry.
2. **Gather all necessary documents to support your travel:** See [Step 4](#) for a list of documents that you should bring with you.
3. **Review the NBCC Travel Guide** that can be found at www.nbcc.ca/travel-guide. This guide covers all processes as they relate to travel requirements.
4. **Submit an arrival plan to NBCC (optional):** Students travelling to Canada may choose, but are not required, to submit an arrival plan to NBCC using the form on <http://www.nbcc.ca/travel-guide>. If you submit an arrival plan using that form, you will be automatically added to our **Travel Check-In Program**. The Travel Check-In Program includes:
 - a. **Travel Restriction Updates** via email in advance of your travel (after submission of your arrival plan); and
 - b. If you arrive during NBCC's Recommended Arrival Window for your intake:
 - i. An **email check-in** during the week after your anticipated arrival date to Canada. This email will also include **additional resources** about getting settled in New Brunswick.

Step 3: While you travel

You are encouraged to wear a [mask](#) on all flights. You are responsible for checking with your airline to understand all requirements to board their aircrafts.

1. **Documents to bring:** please note that the following list is a guide only and you should identify any additional documents that apply to your situation. Refer to the [Canada Border Services Agency's guidelines](#) for travelling to Canada. The following documents should be in your carry-on luggage during your travel:
 1. **NBCC Letter of Acceptance:** If you have not started your program of study at NBCC, bring your letter of acceptance. If you have already started your program at NBCC, bring a confirmation of enrolment letter.
 2. **Letter of introduction or study permit:** If you have not yet travelled to Canada, you must bring your letter of introduction (study permit approval letter) and receive your study permit at the border. If you already have a study permit, bring that document with you.
 3. **Passport:** We suggest making copies of your passport and storing those separately from the original (both on paper and digitally).
 4. **eTA/Temporary Resident Visa:** Depending on your country of citizenship, you will need a valid [Temporary Resident Visa](#) (TRV) or [Electronic Travel Authorization](#) (eTA). U.S. citizens are exempt from this requirement. This should be issued automatically with your original study permit approval.
 5. **Proof of funds:** You are required to show proof of funds at the border or airport for yourself and any accompanying dependents. Based on information provided by Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada (IRCC), we recommend demonstrating that you have access to at least \$20,635 for one year of living expenses, with additional funds for dependents. See [proof of means of financial support](#) for sample documents and we would recommend that these documents be issued within 30 days of traveling.
 6. **Proof of medical insurance:** Your [guard.me international insurance](#) through NBCC covers your term dates. You may need to purchase additional early-arrival insurance or coverage for your dependents.
 7. **Travel Support Letter from NBCC** (optional; available for download at www.nbcc.ca/travel-guide six weeks before the first day of classes).
2. **Boarding the plane:** You must show documentation (Passport and entry documents) to airline agents prior to being permitted to board your flight. If you should be eligible to travel and have issues boarding your flight, firmly request that the airline staff contact Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) to confirm your eligibility to travel. We recommend that you contact your airline in advance of your travel to ensure you will have all necessary documents required to board your flight.

Step 5: After you arrive in Canada

Once you arrive in Canada, you will be issued your study permit and then continue your travel to New Brunswick.

1. **Canada Border Services Agency:** Upon arrival at your port of entry into Canada, you will speak with one (or more) border agent(s) from the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA). You will present documents (see [Step 3](#)) and answer questions about your intentions in Canada and

about your final destination. This is where you will be issued your study permit (if you do not already have it). Once you receive your study permit, review it carefully to ensure there are no spelling errors and that it includes work authorization statements.

2. **Receive an email from NBCC:** All travelers who submitted an optional arrival plan to NBCC and arrived during the recommended arrival window for their intake term will receive an email from an NBCC International Education team member during the week after they arrive in Canada. If you run into any issues after your arrival, you can contact us at international@nbcc.ca.

Relevant link: [COVID-19 vaccinated travellers entering Canada - Travel restrictions in Canada – Travel.gc.ca](#)

Step 6: After you arrive in New Brunswick

1. **Visit Campus:** Familiarize yourself with how to get to campus and come say hi!
2. **Reach out with questions:** email us at international@nbcc.ca if you have any questions.
3. **Participate in orientation and settlement activities:** we create many virtual and in-person opportunities for you to learn more about living in New Brunswick and starting your studies at NBCC. Visit www.nbcc.ca/orientation to learn more!

This information has been reviewed by a Regulated Canadian Immigration Consultant (RCIC). However, immigration policies can change without notice. Students are solely responsible for ensuring that they are in compliance with all Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) regulations at all times during their studies and while in Canada, including any medical or study and work permit-related requirements. For the most up to date information, please refer to the [IRCC website](#) directly or consult the IRCC Contact Centre at 1-888-242-2100 to confirm or clarify immigration-related information and requirement.

This information is current as of **July 8, 2024**. To ensure you are referring to the most up-to-date immigration information, refer to [Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada \(IRCC\)](#).

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