

Frequently Asked Questions: Study Permits

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Topic	Question	Answer	Helpful Link
Study Permit Application Process	How long does the study permit application process take?	Processing times change depending on demand. Generally processing times range from 2.5 – 4 months.	Check processing times at this link . Temporary Residence > Study Permit (from outside Canada)
	I live in a country different from the country of my nationality. Do I apply for a visa from the country in which I live, or do I apply from my country of my nationality?	You can apply from outside of your country of citizenship, if you have valid status in your current country of residence. Explain this in your study plan.	Study permit: How to apply - Canada.ca
	I found two different places to submit an application on the Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) website. Which should I use?	If you are applying only for yourself, you should use the IRCC Portal to complete your study permit application. If you are including any family members on your application, you should use the IRCC Secure online account to complete your study permit application.	Study permit: How to apply - Canada.ca Sign in to your IRCC secure account - Canada.ca

	I am completing an English Pathway Program before starting at NBCC. When can I submit the study permit application?	You can apply for a study permit with a conditional letter of acceptance (before completing your pathway program). Explain in your study plan how you are going to meet that condition. Update your application once you have met the condition. Note: Check Visa Office Specific Document Checklist to be sure of requirements.	Visa Office Specific Document Checklists: Application to study in Canada – Study permits (cic.gc.ca)
Documents to Include in a Study Permit Application	Do I need to translate my documents into English?	All documents included in your study permit application should be issued in or translated to English or French.	What language should my supporting documents be in? (cic.gc.ca)
	Conditional Letter of Acceptance: What if I have a conditional letter of acceptance for English language proficiency?	You can apply for a study permit with a conditional letter of acceptance. Explain in your study plan how you are going to meet that condition. Update your application once you have met the condition. Note: This is not recommended for applicants from India. See Visa Office Specific Document Checklist.	Visa Office Specific Document Checklists: Application to study in Canada – Study permits (cic.gc.ca)
	Evidence of Work Requirement in Study: When I started my study permit application, I saw this question "Is work an essential component of your studies". I chose yes, but what should I upload as a Evidence of Work Requirement in Study?	You should upload the Mandatory Work Experience Component letter that is included in your letter of acceptance package.	mandatory-work-experience-at-nbcc---letter.pdf

	<p>Proof of financial support: Do I have to provide proof of funds for the whole period of my studies?</p>	<p>You must demonstrate that you have proof of funds for your first year of studies in Canada.</p>	<p>Study permit: Get the right documents - Canada.ca</p>
	<p>Proof of financial support: My uncle/sister/friend/cousin is going to be my sponsor. What do they need to provide?</p>	<p>They should provide a letter explaining the nature of the financial sponsorship, the relationship between you and them, and proof that they have the funds they are offering to support you with. You can have this document notarized for further legitimacy.</p>	<p>Study permit: Get the right documents - Canada.ca</p>
	<p>Proof of financial support: Do I have to pay my tuition fees before applying for my study permit?</p>	<p>This is only a requirement for Student Direct Stream or in some Visa Office Specific Document Checklists.</p>	<p>Student Direct Stream: Who can apply - Canada.ca</p> <p>Visa Office Specific Document Checklists: Application to study in Canada – Study permits (cic.gc.ca)</p>
	<p>English Proficiency: Do I need proof of English for my study permit application?</p>	<p>This is only a requirement for Student Direct Stream or in some Visa Office Specific Document Checklists.</p>	<p>Student Direct Stream: Who can apply - Canada.ca</p> <p>Visa Office Specific Document Checklists: Application to study in Canada – Study permits (cic.gc.ca)</p>
	<p>Client Information: What do I upload in the Client Information section of my document checklist?</p>	<p>The Client Information section is where you can upload any additional documents that don't have a specific section in the document checklist. This could include your Study Plan.</p> <p>Note: You can only upload one document. If you have many documents/pages, you will need to put them all together in one document to be uploaded. If there are a lot of pages, we recommend creating a table of contents on the first page.</p>	

	<p>Medical Exam: If you had your medical exam in February but you submit your application at end of March, will it be a problem when you lodge your application for study permit?</p>	<p>Medical exam results are valid for 12 months.</p>	<p>Medical exams for visitors, students and workers - Canada.ca</p>
	<p>Biometrics & Medical Exam: Would I be notified before I go for biometrics & medicals?</p>	<p>Yes, you will receive instruction letters for both biometrics and medical exams (if required).</p>	<p>Medical Exams: Medical exams for visitors, students and workers - Canada.ca</p> <p>Biometrics: How to give your fingerprints and photo - Canada.ca</p>
	<p>Study Plan: How do I write a very good statement of purpose, and what must be included in the write-up?</p>	<p>You should review your Visa Office Specific Document Checklist to understand what should be included in your study plan.</p> <p>NBCC has recorded a webinar on this topic that you can review for additional information.</p>	<p>Visa Office Specific Document Checklists: Application to study in Canada – Study permits (cic.gc.ca)</p> <p>NBCC Webinar Recordings: Visit Us - Archive (nbcc.ca) (Immigration Information Sessions > Writing a Study Plan)</p>
<p>Family Members</p>	<p>Spouse: I want to invite my wife. Can we apply together? By study permit for me and for work permit for her?</p>	<p>A temporary policy took effect on March 19 that will restrict any new applications for spousal open work permits for NBCC students for a period of two years (2024-2025). You can find these updates here: Help your spouse or common-law partner work in Canada - Canada.ca.</p> <p>You would still be able to apply for a visitor visa (How to apply for a visitor visa - Canada.ca) for your spouse to come to</p>	<p>Help your spouse or common-law partner work in Canada - Canada.ca</p>

		<p>Canada temporarily to visit you. You may then be able to apply for a visitor record to extend your spouse’s stay in Canada (Extend your stay in Canada: About the document - Canada.ca). It is important to note that your spouse would not be able to work with either of these documents.</p>	
	<p>School-aged Dependent child: I’m traveling with my family, my daughter will attend a public school. The document check list has a requirement to upload a letter of acceptance, what should I do?</p>	<p>Minors coming to Canada with parents who have a study permit don’t need to provide a letter of acceptance from a school when applying for a study permit.</p> <p>The online system still requests a letter. In that section, you can upload a letter of explanation citing this webpage and explaining that you do not need to provide a letter of acceptance.</p>	<p>Studying in Canada as a minor - Canada.ca</p>
<p>NBCC's Role</p>	<p>Does the school help with the study permit process? Such as communicating with IRCC</p>	<p>NBCC is not involved in the study permit application process or any IRCC processes. We do not communicate with IRCC on behalf of a student and have no influence on processing times.</p> <p>NBCC is aware of the Letter of Acceptance (LOA) Verification process that has been implemented by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC). You do not need to do anything for the LOA verification process other than submitting a complete study permit application. Rest assured that NBCC will be complying with all requests for LOA</p>	<p>How can I get my immigration application processed faster? (cic.gc.ca)</p>

		verification provided by IRCC within the required timelines.	
	Can NBCC Immigration Advisor apply on my behalf?	<p>NBCC's Immigration Advisor is a resource to answer questions and provide information for your study permit application. We do not submit applications or review documents for students.</p> <p>If you wish to use an immigration practitioner to submit your application, ensure that they are qualified and able to provide immigration services.</p>	<p>Authorized Immigration Representatives: Find out if your representative is authorized - Canada.ca</p>
Study Permit Refusals	Do I have to state my previous study permit refusal?	Yes, you must declare all previous applications and approvals/refusals on your study permit application.	
	If my study permit gets rejected and I plan to re apply again, do I need to inform about the refusal to NBCC?	Yes, you should update NBCC about your refusal and your plans to re-apply.	Email: international@nbcc.ca
	What could be the reason (s) why a student may be denied study permit?	<p>Visa officers are assessing applications on the requirements outlined in the <i>Immigration and Refugee Protection Act and Regulations</i>. There are many reasons for refusals, including finances, study plans, ties to home country and/or Canada, etc.</p>	Check out NBCC's Study Permit Refusal Guidance here .
Important Dates	What happens if we don't have our approval by deadline (August 11)?	You should contact us if you think you will not have a decision on your study permit application by the August 11 deadline. This is a requirement to start your studies in Fall 2024.	Admissions - Document Deadlines (nbcc.ca)

	<p>When is the deadline for fall resumption?</p>	<p>The first day of classes for Fall 2024 is Tuesday, September 3, 2024. You can review important dates on our Academic Calendar.</p>	<p>NBCC Academic Calendar</p>
	<p>When or how early can an international student for fall intake come into Canada?</p>	<p>We recommend travelling approximately four weeks before the first day of classes of the term. If you plan to travel earlier than that, you should be prepared to explain your decision to arrive to Canada early when entering the country.</p>	<p>International Student Travel Guide (nbcc.ca)</p>