

APPLY FOR A **TEMPORARY RESIDENT VISA FROM WITHIN CANADA**



Apply for a Temporary Resident Visa from within Canada

WHAT IS TEMPORARY RESIDENT VISA (TRV)?

In addition to a Study Permit, citizens of certain countries require a Temporary Resident Visa (TRV) to enter Canada¹. It is a stamp, sticker or a counterfoil that is affixed to your passport². The expiry date on the TRV indicates the deadline date that you have to enter Canada. You may need to apply for a new TRV if you are traveling to another country (except the United States) and need to re-enter Canada.

HOW IS A TRV DIFFERENT FROM A STUDY PERMIT?

A TRV is used to enter Canada, while a Study Permit allows you to remain in Canada. If you have a Study Permit, a TRV is not needed while inside Canada but it is a good idea to keep a valid TRV in case you need to travel abroad unexpectedly.

HOW TO APPLY FOR YOUR TRV

Apply for your TRV before you enter Canada.

If you require a new TRV, you can apply from inside Canada. Apply at least two months before you plan to leave Canada. If you are applying for a study permit and are approved IRCC will automatically issue a TRV or eTA for you.

Visit www.canada.ca³, choose either English or French and click on the Immigration and Citizenship section. There are two ways to access the application:

1. Click on **Sign in** or **Create an account**, then click on **Apply to come to Canada**. Next, scroll down to **I don't have a personal reference code** and click on **Visitor, Study or Work Permit**.

Or

2. Click on Visit, then Stay in Canada longer and follow the instructions to apply for a visitor visa from inside Canada.

To apply online, you need a scanner or camera to create electronic copies of your documents, and a valid credit or debit card.

You won't get the right application form, unless you provide these answers in the online tool:

For the first question "What would you like to do in Canada?", select **Study** if you have a valid study permit or **Work** if you have a valid work permit

When asked "What is your current country/territory of residence?", select **Canada**.

Answer the questions on the next pages about your work or studies.

You may be given the option to extend your current study or work permit or apply for a "Temporary Resident Visa." Make sure you select **Temporary Resident Visa**.

The application form listed in your document checklist will be called **Application for Visitor Visa (Temporary Resident Visa) Made Outside of Canada (IMM5257)**. This is the form you need to fill out, even when you apply from inside Canada.

Click the **Validate** button to ensure your application form is filled out completely. The Validate button does not finalize your application, so you may edit and validate as many times as needed.

Maintain a copy of all submitted documents for your records.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

\$100. To apply online, you need a valid credit or debit card.

IMPORTANT POINTS

- You must have a valid study or work permit before applying for a new TRV. The TRV will not be issued past the validity of your permit and passport.
- If you do not have enough time to apply for a new TRV before leaving Canada, you may apply at a visa office outside of Canada while travelling. However, document requirements at visa offices vary. Read the document requirements carefully for the individual visa office where you will apply.
- Students from visa exempt countries should apply for an eTA before entering Canada.

¹ This is not a legal document and information is subject to change without notice. We recommend you refer to www.canada.ca for the most up-to-date information.

² You must keep track of your study permit/passport expiry dates to maintain your immigration status. It is your responsibility to ensure your documents remain valid during your studies in Canada.

³ For best results use Internet Explorer as the browser on a PC. Other browsers and MACs can cause issues.