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 Canada. It is a stamp, sticker or a counterfoil that is affixed to your passport. 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.ca, 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.