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## 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.<sup>1</sup> It is a stamp, sticker or a counterfoil that is affixed to your passport.<sup>2</sup> The expiry date on the TRV indicates the deadline date that you have to enter Canada.

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?

If you require a new TRV, you can apply from inside Canada. Apply at least two months before you plan to leave Canada.

Visit <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/application/account.html>

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**.

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

<sup>1</sup> Please note: 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.

<sup>2</sup> This is not a legal document and information is subject to change without notice. We recommend that you refer to [www.canada.ca](https://www.canada.ca) for the most up-to-date information.