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Canada is a country in North America. Its ten provinces and three territories extend from the Atlantic to the Pacific and northward into the Arctic Ocean, covering 9.98 million square kilometers, making it the world's second-largest country by total area.

Canada, the largest country of North America and the second-largest country in the world, "only" has 35 million inhabitants. This makes it a thinly populated, but prosperous country. It is also a very popular travel destination; both for tourists and business travelers.

Many people mainly know Canada for its large cities Quebec, Montréal and Vancouver, even though the much smaller Ottawa is the official capital of Canada. The larger cities of Canada are relatively close to the border with the USA, with which Canada has close ties. Ever since the colonization of Canada by the Europeans (first the French and later the English), the country has had large amounts of immigration. After the Second World War, many foreigners immigrated to Canada.

In total, roughly 90 percent of the Canadian population consists of immigrants or descendants of those people. About 25% of the Canadian population has a British heritage while 24% originate from France. But the original inhabitants of Canada, the Inuit and the natives, are still represented in large number in Canada's population. Currently, more than a hundred tribes with a total of over a quarter of a million natives reside in Canada, predominantly hunters and farmers. Currently, the largest groups of newcomers are Asians; Vancouver alone has over 100.000 inhabitants with Chinese heritage.

Capital	Ottawa
Size	9.985.000 km ²
Inhabitants	37,590,000 inhabitants (2019)
Language	Bilingual: French and English
Currency	Canadian dollar
Religion	Christian: 67%, Muslim: 3%, Hindu: 1,5%
Time difference	4 hours
Electricity	110 Volt/60 Hz, travel plug required
Life expectancy	82 year
Coastline	356,000km
Tap water	Safe to drink

Canada is divided into 10 provinces and 3 territories, and is so large that it has six time zones. Canada is larger than the United States, but with a difference of 1.5% in size only barely. Canada does have more lakes than all the other countries in the world combined. About 30% of Canadian soil consists of woodlands and two thirds of the country is entirely uninhabited. This is mainly because over three quarters of Canadians live less than 200 miles from the border with the US.

Modern Canada

Canada is a rich country and is on the 10th place in the ranking of countries based on gross national product, which was 1.53 trillion in 2019. Comparably, the UK is 6th with a GDP of 2.83 trillion. Three quarters of the Canadian workforce works in the service industry. Forestry, mining and fishing are also important for the Canadian economy. Canada has a relatively small industry and mainly trades with the United States to get its physical products.

Language and Culture

Both English and French are commonly spoken in Canada. By far the majority of Canadians primarily speak English. Certain places, like Quebec, have more French-speaking people. The Inuit also speak Inuktitut, their native tongue.

Canadian Culture

Canadian culture mainly originates from British, French, American and Inuit cultures. Lacrosse is the national summer sport and ice hockey the preferred winter sport. Curling and Canadian Football are also popular sports among the Canadian population. Canada has hosted the Olympic Games three times; the winter games of 1988 and 2010, and the summer games in 1976. Canada's national symbols are the maple leaf (which can be found in the flag), the beaver, the Canadian goose and the ice diver. The totem pole is also frequently seen in imagery. And last but not least: the Hawaiian pizza is a Canadian invention (whether a good or a bad one is a discussion for another time).

Weather and Climate

Those travelling to Canada should remember to bring a heavy sweater. In 1946, Canada experienced its lowest temperature ever: a staggering 64 degrees below Celsius. This was quite the exception, as the north of Canada generally doesn't

get colder than -40 degrees Celsius. Because the south of Canada lies at the same height as Spain, the south can get quite a bit hotter in the summer than many tourists expect. Okanagan even has a sizable desert. The weather table below can give an impression of the average temperature and rainfall in Canada, but due to its large size it is wise to check the weather forecasts of your destinations in Canada.

Month	Average max. temperature in °C	Average min. temperature in °C	Average number of days rain
January	-5	-14	13
February	-4	-13	11
March	3	-6	11
April	11	1	11
May	18	8	12
June	24	13	12
July	27	16	11
August	25	15	12
September	20	10	11

October	13	5	12
November	6	-1	14
December	-1	-9	15

What is the minimum percentage required for study in Canada?

The minimum percentage required for studying in Canada is **65% and above for the humanities stream in class XII**, and 70 - 80% and above for Science/Commerce stream in class XII will also be required. Foundations and Diploma programs are available for students who have secured below 60%

Education system in Canada

It is no secret that Canada is famous among international students due to its Education System, which is considered as one of the best in the world. Apart from providing world-class facilities and experienced faculty in Canadian universities, Canada offers a scenic background, opportunity to work during or after completion of the course, friendly neighborhood, and special health care benefits for students.

A valid study permit is enough for a student to find work after studies as no separate work permit is required. However, if you plan to stay on for a few more years, you need to apply for a work visa. As Canada experiences varied seasonal changes, there are different activity programmes for each season such as sailing activities, spring festivals, hiking, skiing, or sledging.

UG Diploma and Certificate Courses in Canada

Canada welcomes a multitude of international students for both undergraduate and postgraduate studies. Apart from full-time courses, Canadian universities also

offer Diploma courses (1-3 years), PG Diploma courses (1-2 years), Certificate and Vocational training courses (1 year). Below are the ranges of undergraduate courses that Canada has to offer:

List of Courses after 12th Management Programmes in Canada

Canadian B-schools are one of the most-sought-after B-schools by international students who seek to undertake management courses. There are various undergraduate courses in Canada for Indian students. For undergraduate aspirants, BBA (Bachelor of Business Administration) is the optimal choice if they are looking for a managerial profession in future or have entrepreneurial ideas.

The full-time courses available under this programme are:

- BBA (Supply Chain Management)
- BBA (HR Management)
- BBA (Accounting)
- BBA (Finance)
- BBA (Retail Management)
- BBA (Marketing)

For those seeking a UG Diploma in management programs, the following are the options present:

- Diploma in Business Administration (HR)
- Diploma in Business Administration (Finance)
- Diploma in Business Administration (Marketing)
- Diploma in Office Administration

List of courses after 12th commerce in Canada

- BCom (Finance, Marketing, Accounting, Taxation, Advertising)
- BCA Or Bachelor Of Computer Applications
- BALLB
- BCM
- Degree in Cost Accounting
- Diploma in HR Management, Business Administration, Hotel Manage
- CA
- CS
- Animation And Multimedia Courses
- Journalism
- Fashion Designing
- Hotel Management

List of courses after 12th Science in Canada

- B. E/ B. Tech
- Bachelor of Architecture (B. Arch)
- B. Sc. (Science)
- BCA (IT and Software)
- B. Sc. (IT and Software)
- MBBS
- B. Pharma
- Post Basic B. Sc. Nursing
- Mechanical Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Geological Engineering

- Biomedical Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Mechanical and Material Science Engineering
- Engineering Physics
- Mining Engineering

For Diploma courses in the Technical field, you have the following options:

- Electronics Engineering Technician
- Heavy Duty Equipment Technician
- Automotive Service Technician
- Architectural Technology
- Automotive Power Technician

List of Aviation courses after 12th in Canada

- BE / B.Tech in Aeronautical Engineering
- B. Sc. In Aviation
- BSc in AME (Aircraft Maintenance Engineering)
- Commercial Pilot License (CPL)
- BSc in Aeronautics
- B. Tech in Aerospace Engineering
- BE in Aerospace Engineering
- B. Tech in Aerospace Engineering with specialization in Avionics

List of Nursing Courses after 12th in Canada

- General Nursing and Midwifery (GNM)

- Auxiliary Nursing and Midwifery (ANM)
- BSc in Nursing
- Post Basic BSc in Nursing

List of Hotel Management Courses after 12th in Canada

- BHM (Bachelor of Hotel Management)
- B.SC in Hotel Management
- B.Sc in Culinary Arts
- BBA in Hotel Management
- BSc. In Hospitality and Hotel Administration
- B.Sc in Hotel and Catering Management
- BHMCT (Bachelor of Hotel Management and Catering Technology)
- BSC Hotel Management, Catering and tourism
- B. Sc. (Hons) in International Hospitality Management
- B.Sc. Resort & Event Management

List of Design Programmes after 12th in Canada

Depending on the university to university, there two programmes are available under Design majors:

- Bachelor of Interior Design
- Bachelor of Environmental Planning and Design.

Documents required to study in Canada after 12th

For any university admission, you require certain documents for the application process. For undergraduate courses in Canada, you will need the following documents ready at the time of your admission once you receive your offer letter:

- Transcripts
- Scanned copy of passport
- test scores (TOEFL, IELTS, SAT) documents
- Gap letter/experience letter if there is any gap in academics
- Statement of Purpose (SOP)
- Transfer certificate etc., as required by the college
- Loan/financial documents as asked by the university
- Visa documents
- Passport size photo-white background also standard format latest photographs needed
- Updated cv
- LOR – 1 from principal ,1 from HOD

Eligibility requirements for Bachelor and Diploma Programmes

Although each university and department will have their specific eligibility requirement to their respective programmes and courses, given below is the minimum eligibility required to study in Canadian Universities:

For undergraduate/ Bachelor courses:

- TOEFL: 213 or
- IELTS: 6.0
- Percentage: 70% or above in Class XII

For Diploma courses:

- TOEFL: 213 or
- IELTS: 6.0
- Percentage: Flexible admission

Tuition fees in Canadian colleges according to courses

As compared to other the US and UK universities, tuition fees in Canadian colleges are relatively affordable. You can expect an average expense of C\$20,000–C\$30,000 (Canadian dollars) annually, for tuition fees. Depending upon the university and programme, this average can vary. Here is an estimated

Calculation of tuition fees per annum for their respective field of study, irrespective of the college:

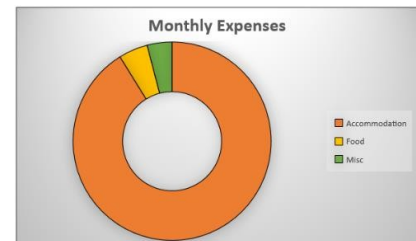
*measured in Canadian Dollars (C\$)

Field of study	Undergraduate Tuition Fee (p.a)
Education	\$17,337
Visual and performing arts, and communications technologies	\$20,571
Humanities	\$22,229
Social and behavioural sciences	\$21,604
Law, legal professions, and studies	\$27,056
Business management and public administration	\$23,555
Physical and life sciences and technologies	\$24,456
Mathematics, computer and information sciences	\$25,273
Engineering	\$26,582
Architecture and related technologies	\$22,171
Agriculture, natural resources and conservation	\$20,268
Dentistry	\$53,105
Medicine	\$33,084
Nursing	\$18,806
Pharmacy	\$32,886
Veterinary medicine	\$58,629

Living, accommodation, and travelling expense in Canada

Living expenses in any country depend solely on one's personal choices and needs. Living in Canada can cost you anywhere around C\$400–C\$800 per month. Someone with lavish choices may end up spending more than this amount, while someone thrifty enough can live off well within this estimate. However, here is an overview of some of the unavoidable expenses:

- Accommodation in Canada: 4800–7200 C\$ per month
- Food: 250–3000 C\$ per month
- Miscellaneous: 215–2820C\$ per month



Visa procedure and requirements

The application process can take up to seven weeks as it involves the processing of many documents. Thus, you need to apply for visa accordingly. You would be required to apply for a student visa and impress the immigration officer during the interview, while not giving the impression of a potential immigrant. For this procedure, you need to be ready with the following documents and proofs:

- A valid letter of acceptance/ admission from the university/ college you are going to
- Adequate funds to facilitate your education (tuition and living expenses)
- Medical certificate showcasing a healthy state of mind and body
- No previous record of any unlawful or criminal activity
- Should not be a risk to the security of Canada

It is also advised that the student should check with the university as well as the state/ territories for any additional requirements in terms of documents and proofs. A missing form or proof could delay the application and create unnecessary hindrances during the application procedure, creating a setback for the whole process.

The most advantageous point about studying in Canada is that it allows you to work in North America while you become a graduate. Once you complete one year of your programme (two semesters), you are eligible for one year of post-graduate work permit in both Canada and North America. On the other hand, while you are completing your course of two or more years, (at least four semesters) in Canada, you are eligible for a three-year work permit. Apart from this, you can also work here part-time while studying to give a boost to your CV and earn some extra money.

Thus, Canada appears as one of the topmost favored countries of undergraduate aspirants for further studies. With a varied number of courses, excellent quality

of education, and high living standards, Canada, and Canadian universities see a rise in admission applications from international students with each passing year.

What is an Undergraduate Diploma?

Once you complete your secondary education (class 12th), you move on to undergraduate bachelor's studies for further education. Post UG studies, you aim for higher studies, generally known as post-graduate studies or master's education. Undergraduate programmes are generally of three-years duration, while on the other hand, an undergraduate diploma's duration can be anywhere between six months to one year, depending on university to university. An undergraduate diploma is equivalent to two-thirds of an honors degree.

What are the top 5 Courses preferred by Indian students in Canada after 12th?

Canadian universities offer various undergraduate and post-graduate level programs for international students in various streams.

Below mentioned are the top five undergraduate courses in Canada:

- Engineering
- Information technology
- Business management
- Pharmacy technician
- Hospitality management

What are the eligibility criteria for these UG Courses?

Students with good academics, no (or few) backlogs and with no study gap, fulfilling IELTS and financial requirements stand higher chances of Visa approval.

To be eligible for undergraduate programs in Canada, one must have attained at least 50% marks in 12th standard with average IELTS scores minimum 6 bands overall with, no less than 5.5 bands in any module.

What is the Fee Structure for these Courses?

Canada offers lower tuition fees that range from CAD \$12,000 to \$14,000 per annum at SPP Colleges. Generally, the tuition fee for undergraduate programs ranges from CAD \$11,500 to \$22,000. As the fees differ from university to university, you will get a better idea about it by visiting their website and looking at their fee structure.

What are the salient features of UG programs?

Undergraduate programs offered by SPP colleges are normally of 2 years duration after which students can apply for open work visa up to 3 years and after gaining work experience of minimum one year in the related field, one can be eligible to apply for permanent residency (PR) in Canada.

In addition, after completion of two years, if a student wishes to study further for bachelor's degree course offered by a university in Canada, they can get an exemption for the studies already completed and can complete bachelors in minimum 2 years.

Top 10 high paying jobs in Canada

Job title	Average annual salary (CAD)
Dentist	3,90,000
Psychiatrist	2,42,000
Surgeon	1,60,000

Lawyer	1,08,000
IT Manager	97,190
Business Operations Manager	87,500
Pilot	73,000
Marketing Manager	72,500
Sales Manager	70,000
Petroleum Engineer	50,000

Wondering if your course revolves around these highest paying jobs in Canada? Don't worry. These are major job titles and a single field can have multiple branches. For example, for all top paying IT jobs in Canada for Indian computer engineers, you need not only see 'IT Manager' on the list! Let's explore some more top jobs for international students in Canada just like you.

High paying jobs in Computer Science field in Canada

Job Title	Median Annual Salary (CAD)
Senior Java Developer	128,917
Devops Engineer	125,000
Java Developer	120,000
Data Engineer	120,000
Senior Software Engineer	118,500
Full Stack Developer	110,000

Job Title	Median Annual Salary (CAD)
Net Developer	107,250
Software Engineer	103,651
Data Scientist	102,500
Developer	100,000
Project Manager	91,484
Senior Business Analyst	85,000
Product Manager	77,500
Web Developer	72,500

GIC – Guaranteed Investment Certificate

Note: Canada GIC Account ≠ Canada Student Account

GIC stands for Guaranteed Investment Certificate. It is an investment account. Once a student lands in Canada, they must open a separate student account (apart from their GIC Account) with any bank (usually students open both GIC and student account from the same bank. It makes the process easy for them). Funds from your GIC account would be periodically deposited into your student account.

- ✚ If you are an Indian student going to study in Canada, opening a student GIC account is mandatory.
- ✚ A GIC account serves as proof of funds when applying for your Canada Study Permit (student visa).
- ✚ When it comes to choosing a GIC program, the 4 foremost options for Indian students are Scotia bank, CIBC, ICICI Bank and SBI.

[Let us take a look at the features of each GIC program, its pros – cons and which one will be best for Indian students.](#)

Comparison of GIC Program of Scotia bank, CIBC, ICICI Bank & SBI

1.Scotia bank

Scotia bank GIC Program	
Interest Rate	0.1 – 1% (Scotia bank GIC Interest Rates)
Investment Amount	\$10,000 CAD – \$50,000 CAD
Program Fee	\$200 CAD
Initial Expenses Deposit To Your Student Account	\$2,000 CAD + Interest
Monthly Deposit To Your Student Account	\$667 CAD + Interest (for 12 Months if investment amount is \$10,000 CAD)
Online Application	✓ Available
Application Processing Time	2-10 days (Account Registration + Issuing GIC Certificate)
Number of Branches in Canada	1,100+

Scotia bank, i.e. The Bank of Nova Scotia is one of Canada's biggest 5 banks along with CIBC. Its GIC Program is fairly popular with Indian students and one can apply for it online from India itself.

Pros

Can Invest up to \$50,000 CAD – This is a good feature for students who might want to put a huge amount of money in their GIC account. \$50,000 CAD can easily last for 2-3 years and transferring such a large amount of money has one benefit. The exchange rate of INR with respect to currencies such as CAD, USD, & AUD etc is appreciating every year. So by transferring a huge amount of money in one go, one may save money on currency exchange fees.

1100+ Branches and 4000 ATMs (AMBs – Automated Banking Machines) – Scotia bank has a high number of branches and ATMs. Chances are whichever city you are going to in Canada will be having a Scotia bank branch. In case of visiting your bank for any sort of issue resolution with regards to your account, having a branch nearby always reduces the travel hassles involved. However, it should also be noted that in this age of digital banking gaining widespread acceptance, especially among students, visiting a bank branch to resolve any issues is an outlier rather than the norm. Most issues can be resolved through online banking and phone support.

Cons

Strict application process – This is probably one of the biggest gripes students have with GIC from Scotia bank. The success rate of a GIC application is not as much as that of other banks. Any slight errors in your application will result in a delay in receiving your GIC certificate. While this is true of all banks, Scotia bank especially has a reputation for a strict application process.

Note: One of the most common errors is a mismatch of the address given in the GIC application form and passport of the applicant.

\$200 CAD processing fee – This fee is the highest among all the banks in our list. While this is not a significant con, from a student's perspective, saving even a bit of money is valuable.

2. CIBC

CIBC GIC Program	
Interest Rate	1.25% (CIBC GIC Interest Rates)
Investment Amount	\$10,000 CAD – \$20,000 CAD
Program Fee	\$150 CAD
Initial Expenses Deposit To Your Student Account	\$2,000 CAD – \$12,000 (If investing maximum amount)
Monthly Deposit To Your Student Account	\$1,000 CAD + Interest (8 payments over 12 Months)
Online Application	✓ Available
Application Processing Time	2-4 days (Account Registration +Wire Transfer + Issuing GIC Certificate)
Number of Branches in Canada	1200+

Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce is another mainstream bank in Canada that offers a GIC program to students from India.

They are particularly renowned for their faster application processing, lesser application fee and higher application acceptance rate.

Also, upon opening a student account with them, you get the option of availing a Student Credit Card having no annual fees and plenty of cash back, travel benefits.

Pros

\$150 Processing Fee, which is 50 CAD lesser than Scotia bank's 200 CAD

Faster Application processing time – 2 to 4 days which is one of the quickest times among all banks on this list

Higher number of branches and ATMs

High application acceptance rate

Student-friendly features – Student Credit Card

Cons

When paying the GIC amount through CIBC's platform, their exchange rate is higher than Scotia bank. So the \$50 CAD difference in processing fee between Scotia bank and CIBC is mostly negated.

CIBC pays out the GIC amount in 8 installments of 1000 CAD spaced over 45 days each. While this is not a major con, for most people managing monthly payments is a commonly learned skill. Rent payments, utilities etc follow a monthly schedule which would be easy to manage if GIC payments are credited every month. GIC programs of other banks in this list follow 12 payments from GIC account over a period of 12 months.

3. ICICI Bank Canada

ICICI GIC Program	
Interest Rate	1%
Investment Amount	\$10,000 CAD
Program Fee	\$175 CAD
Initial Expenses Deposit To Your Student Account	\$2,000 CAD
Monthly Deposit To Your Student Account	\$667 CAD + Interest (for 12 Months)
Online Application	✓ Available
Application Processing Time	2-5 days (Account Registration +Wire Transfer + Issuing GIC Certificate)
Number of Branches in Canada	7

ICICI Bank Canada should not be confused with ICICI Bank India.

Both are part of ICICI but independent of each other.

That aside, ICICI Bank Canada is a popular option among Indian students when it comes to looking for a GIC program. This is because the ICICI brand name is quite familiar to most of the students here. The prospect of dealing with a familiar bank for GIC feels reassuring for most.

But the fact is that be it ICICI Bank or Scotia bank, the procedure to apply for GIC and student account remains the same.

Let's look at some of the advantages and disadvantages of choosing ICICI Bank Canada for your GIC.

Pros

Even though the process of opening GIC is the same as other banks, you may enjoy some advantages such as getting your ICICI Canada Debit Card in India itself (i.e. if you are opening both a GIC account and a student account with ICICI Bank Canada).

ICICI Bank Canada app provides money transfer from Canada to India option within their app itself. Students would find this especially useful for sending money back to India.

Cons

The most obvious con is the number of ICICI Bank Canada branches and ATMs in it only has a total of 7 branches across Canada. This disadvantage is mitigated to a certain extent because of the following reasons;

ICICI Bank Canada offers online activation of your GIC account through their app.

Also, they have a tie-up with Canada Post, allowing you to complete your in-person verification from 6000+ locations across Canada. Thus, you don't have to visit an ICICI branch to complete your GIC account-related procedures.

They have over 3,000+ ABMs (Automated Banking Machines / ATMs) in their network in Canada. While not all are free to use, their app shows the location of free ATMs in their network close to your location.

Sometimes you just have to visit the ICICI bank branch (in case of trying to resolve a banking-related issue) and then it could be a problem. As mentioned above, ICICI has only 7 branches for the whole of Canada. In such an unavoidable situation, you'd have to probably travel quite a bit to go to your branch. To avoid this, check if the town/city you are moving

to in Canada has an ICICI branch nearby and then make a decision regarding opening a GIC/student account with them.

4. SBI Canada

SBI GIC Program	
Interest Rate	1.05%
Investment Amount	\$10,000 CAD
Program Fee	\$150 CAD
Initial Expenses Deposit To Your Student Account	\$2,000 CAD
Monthly Deposit To Your Student Account	\$667 CAD + Interest (for 12 Months)
Online Application	✓ Available
Application Processing Time	4-10 days (Account Registration +Wire Transfer + Issuing GIC Certificate)
Number of Branches in Canada	7

On this list, SBI Canada is the least popular option among students. Not many students opt for GIC from them. This could be because of the very low number of SBI Canada branches in Canada.

Also, the general perception among students is that other banks have a more robust customer support team compared to SBI that can guide in applying for and opening a GIC account.

Even though ICICI Canada shares this same disadvantage with SBI Canada, where it shines through more is the perception of better service.

SBI too has a tie-up with Canada Post for completing the Identity Verification process of GIC accounts. Also, just like in the case of other banks, funds must be transferred to your GIC

account in Canada as CAD only. That is a wire transfer from India to Canada by converting INR to CAD.

Pros

YONO SBI Canada Bank app lets you transfer money from Canada to India easily.

Through the app, you can also manage your SBI account in India.

Cons

Low number of branches – only 7 across Canada

People's perception of their customer care is not that great.

To Summarize;

If you don't have any time constraints and would like to put in a huge amount in your GIC account, go for Scotia bank.

If you are low on time and need to immediately open a GIC account, then go for CIBC or ICICI Bank Canada. They offer a lot of student-friendly features.

While SBI is the bank of choice for most in India, when going to Canada, revise your options and select the bank that best suits your needs.

SDS AND NON-SDS VISA REQUIREMENTS IN 2021

The **Student Direct Stream (SDS)**, formerly known as Students Partner Program (SPP), is an initiative by Canadian Immigration Authorities. Generally, if you are looking to study in Canada, you can apply for your visa application under SDS Category.

The SDS is an approach through which the student visa permit applications are quickly and directly processed. You can file your SDS application only through an online medium. In this situation, to fall under the category of SDS, the students must fulfill specific requirements set up by IRCC.

1. SDS Visa Requirements:

Language Proficiency Test:

- Under the SDS category, you need to qualify for an English Proficiency Test.
- The student can appear for IELTS Academic or IELTS General under the SDS Category.
- It is essential to realize that you need to acquire a minimum score of 6.0 bands in all sub-sections. The sub-sections of the paper include Reading, Speaking, Writing and Listening.

Passport:

To apply for a student visa in Canada, the student must have a valid passport. A student's study permit, temporary resident visa (TRV), and any other document from Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) will not be issued past the expiry date of your passport. You must extend your passport before it expires, and then extend your study permit and any other applicable Canadian permits or visas.

Guaranteed Investment Certificate (GIC):

The students must deposit an amount of \$10000 (CAD) or more as a **Guaranteed Investment Certificate (GIC)**. The money deposited helps ensure that the student is

secured in Canada and has additional sources to fund possible expenses. Basically, it is the amount which student will get once he/she will reach over there.

There are some banks which offer GIC

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3. CIBC
4. SBI

The student will get \$2,000 CAD plus any interest deposited into his student bank account when he arrives in Canada. Further, he will receive approximately \$667 CAD each month for the next 12 months.

Tuition Fee:

The students have to submit the full payment of the tuition fee for the first year of the program.

Letter of Acceptance:

You must have an acceptance letter from the Designated Learning Institute (DLI) where you have applied for your further education. The Canadian provincial and territorial government has authorized specific colleges and universities as DLI's. The designated learning institutes are colleges/universities that have permission to cater to international students.

Educational Documents:

The students are required to submit all their previous academic certificates. These mainly include documents like 10th certificate, 12th certificate, diploma, and graduation (if any). The papers that you provide should be genuine and complete.

Medical Examination:

You are required to submit a document as proof of a thorough medical examination. Under the checkup, a full-body physical examination is performed.

Statement of Purpose:

Statement of purpose plays really a vital role in student visas. The student has to write Sop in both cases either it is **SDS and NON-SDS**. It seems to be like an essay where a student needs to mention why Canada, why he chose this college and opted for the particular course, in simple words it gives a brief idea to visa officer regarding student profile and his interest

However, SOP for the Canadian high commission is different from Sop written for Canadian Universities or colleges. SOP written for universities is more focusing on the particular course, your background history, and also portrays the uniqueness of the student to a major focus on.

Digital Pic:

Digital pictures of students are also another requirement. Specification of the picture is 35*45, 80% zoom white background.

Generally speaking, visa application processing to study in Canada under the SDS Canada takes approximately 4-6 weeks. However, the visa application may take longer than the usual time frame due to the current scenario.

Probably by now, you must be wondering what will come under the Non-SDS visa requirements?

2. Non-SDS Visa Requirements:

The Non-SDS, also known as the General Category, is another method to apply to **study in Canada**. Under the Non-SDS Canada, the students who are unable to meet the requirements of SDS can apply. The students applying for Non-SDS visa requirements have to check on the following criteria:

Language Proficiency Test:

- Most importantly, under the Non-SDS Canada, you need to clear a language proficiency test.
- You can appear for IELTS, PTE or TOEFL to illustrate your language proficiency.
- Keep in mind that your score must be overall 6 not less than 5.5 in one module of the paper.

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3. CIBC
4. SBI

The student will get \$2,000 CAD plus any interest deposited into his student bank account when he arrives in Canada. Further, he will receive approximately \$667 CAD each month for the next 12 months.

IN NON-SDS, GIC IS NOT COMPULSORY STUDENTS CAN REPLACE GIC WITH PROOF OF LIQUID FUNDS.

Tuition Fee:

Many times, students struggle to deposit one full-year fee in one deposit. Under Non-SDS visa requirements, students can initially deposit six months' tuition fees for the DLI. However, the students have to ensure that they portray their financial stability. The students can submit documents as proof of financial stability.

Medical Examination:

In addition, the students need to submit a document as evidence of an upfront medical examination.

Educational Documents:

While submitting your academic documents, it is essential to realize that you submit genuine documents. The documents include your previous education certificates like 10th certificate, 12th certificate, and diploma or graduation transcripts.

Digital Pic:

Digital pictures of students are also another requirement. Specification of the picture is 35*45, 80% zoom white background.

Statement of Purpose:

Statement of purpose plays really a vital role in student visas. The student has to write Sop in both cases either it is SDS and NON-SDS. It seems to be like an essay where a student needs to mention why Canada, why he chose this college and opted for the particular course. In simple words, it gives a brief idea to visa officer regarding student profile and his interest

WHY IT IS SO IMPORTANT?

Generally, Visa officers can't call every student for an interview. Therefore, evaluating the student profile helps them a lot. Most visa applications are accepted or rejected majority on the Statement of Purpose.

Financial Documents:

In Non-SDS, students need to submit financial documents which portray student financial stability such as Proof of Income (Income Tax Returns, Form-16, J-Forms). In addition to this students can add liquid assets also in the form of Bank statements, GPF, Fixed Deposits, etc which show the financial status of the family.

The processing time of the visa applications under the Non-SDS category takes longer than the SDS category.

Conclusion

CANADA STUDY VISA NEVER DEPENDS UPON IELTS ONLY, High Commission considers the overall profile of the student then only gives any decision. So, once the student's profile has been evaluated thoroughly, we provide counseling to them.

CONDITIONS FOR APPLYING FOR A STUDENT VISA

The first and foremost condition for applying for a student visa is to get an admission offer; you need to prove that there is a college or university that has accepted you and you are going to join it.

You must demonstrate that you have sufficient financial resources to pay tuition fees, maintain yourself, and to pay return transportation costs without engaging in employment in Canada.

The usual minimum requirement is at least CAN \$10,250 (INR 4.6 lakh) plus the cost of tuition for a six-month period, cost of transportation to and fro from Canada. This amount (\$10,250) is the base amount considered adequate to cover all costs, other than tuition, for one person for a twelve-month period, but if the local cost of living is higher than average more money is required to get your student visa.

WHY STUDY IN CANADA?

Canada is one of the best places to higher studies and the country attracts thousands of students each year from abroad. The country provides world class education which is recognized globally. Research is one of the key components of a graduate student. The universities support the students who come out with best research ideas and many scholarships are given to student for their research works.

- Affordable Education
- Innovative and Abundant Research Opportunities
- Immigration Possibilities
- Exciting Campus Lifestyle
- Healthy and Safe Communities
- International students can often work while they study & Internships

SOME OTHER PERTINENT REASONS FOR CHOOSING CANADA INCLUDE:

- Numerous research opportunities
- Possibility of immigration after completing the course
- Vibrant campus atmosphere
- International students have the option of working when studying
- Good internship opportunities

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- **Education Qualification**

- The minimum eligibility criterion is to be a graduate with 50% score from a UGC or AICTE recognized university.
- However, the below factors make the client case an exception and a KB query has to be raised to take confirmation on whether you can enroll the client or not before you sell.

- **Year Back**

- The graduation degree has to be completed within the stipulated time with no-year back.
- Example: B.Com is a 3-year degree. The client should have completed it within 3 years and not more.
- Example: Engineering is a 4-year degree. The client should have completed within 4 years and not more.

- **Backlogs**

- The client should not have more than 10 backlogs in his/her graduation period.

STAY BACK PERIOD IN CANADA AND POST GRADUATION WORK PERMIT:

- A student needs to pursue a course for a minimum duration of 8 months to be eligible to stay back in Canada
- Course less than 8 months does not allow a client to stay back and apply for Post Graduation Work Permit

- For post-graduation work permit a client needs to pursue a course of duration 8 months or more.
- If the client pursues a course which is of duration less than 2 years, he/she is eligible for a post-graduation work permit of equivalent duration as the course
- Example: 8 months course = 8 months post-graduation work permit
- If the client pursues 2 years course (masters or diploma), he/she is eligible for a post-graduation work permit of 3 years
- Example: 2 years masters/diploma course = 3 years post-graduation work permit

COST OF STUDYING IN CANADA

Tuition fees in Canada vary by institution and province, but the cost is generally more affordable when compared to other countries around the world. Technical and medical courses are more expensive than arts courses. On an average, the tuition and fees range from CAD 7,000 to CAD 35,000 per year for an International student.

Study Program	Average fees(in CAD*)
Undergraduate Program	\$12,000 to \$25,000 per year
Postgraduate master’s Program	\$24,000 to \$35,000 per year
Doctoral Degree	\$7,000 to \$10,000 per year

The cost of studying in Canada will include other factors such as the cost of living and the student and visa application fees you will need to pay.

UPCOMING INTAKES IN THE CANADA

Canadian universities and colleges offer three intakes. Intakes may also be referred to as a semester in some institutions. The three intakes available in Canada are:

Intake 1: Fall Semester – A popular intake starts in the month of September

Intake 2: Winter Semester – Starts in the month of January

Intake 3: Summer Semester – Usually starts from April/May, this intake is available for limited programs and colleges.

We would advise you to apply well in advance because admissions and scholarships get difficult when you apply closer to the deadline. It is better to apply 6 to 9 months before the academic session starts.

WORK AUTHORIZATION FOR STUDENTS:

Student Applicant:

- Students must be over 18 years of age
- International Students can work on-campus or off-campus for up to 20 hours during university semesters and full-time during breaks such as the winter or summer holidays, without the need for a work permit
- Foreign students who are studying in a program that requires work experience such as through a co-op or internship program

Spouse:

In general, spouses are given the same rights as the spouse is already in Canada. Therefore, if the spouse in Canada has the right to work, the spouse who comes to join him or her will also have that right. But also note that only work permit holders can apply for the dependant visas.

CANADA STUDENT VISA REQUIREMENTS:

You will generally need the following for your CANADA Student Visa application:

- Valid Passport
- Attested copies of 10th, 12th and Degree certificates
- Academic references – 2
- Employer references – 2
- SOP (Statement of Purpose)
- Certificates of extracurricular achievements
- An acceptance letter from your education institution
- Proof of payment
- Proof of financial funds
- Passport size photographs
- Study Permit and visa
- English Proficiency
- Your University will make you aware of additional requirements if any prior to your application

STEPS TO STUDY ABROAD IN CANADA:

STEP 1:

Research Your Options:

Before you shortlist the universities, decide what you want to study, where you want to live, overall cost, various opportunities etc.

STEP 2:

Select Universities:

Shortlist the universities (about 10 universities should do) & study programs that meet your requirements and you want to apply for.

STEP 3:

Prepare for entrance exams:

Prepare for the standardized tests like TOEFL/GRE/GMAT/IELTS etc. based on the requirements of the universities & colleges. Register for these tests in advance. While applying for the tests you should also plan for the time required in case you need to retake the test. You should complete these tests before September of the year you wish to apply.

STEP 4:

Finance your studies:

Ensure that you have the money ready for your entire period of study in Canada along with accommodation, local travel, food, and other miscellaneous expenses. Decide on how you will finance your studies – personal saving, education loans, student scholarships or assistantship.

STEP 5:

Apply to university:

Contact (by agent like us) each university directly for the admission requirements. Every university has its own admission requirements. Complete the applications well before deadlines and send them.

STEP 6:

Confirm admission:

Once you get your acceptance letters from the universities that you have applied to, choose the university you would like to study at. The next step is to pay a non-refundable deposit to the university to confirm your admission.

STEP 7:

Get Student Visa:

Once you get admission confirmation done, you can apply for your student visa.

STUDENT VISA AND DEPENDENTS:

A foreign national on a study visa in Canada can bring their spouse and dependent children to Canada. The spouse can also apply for an open work permit. They can work for a Canadian employer for the time the study visa of their partner is valid. However, if the spouse wants to study, they will have to apply for a separate study visa.

Study visa holders can also bring their dependent children to Canada. The children can stay for the duration of the study visa in Canada. Minor children can pursue their school education in the country provided one of their parents can either work or study in Canada. A dependent child should be below the age of 22. Children above 22 years who are not financially independent due to a physical or mental condition are also considered dependents.

AFTER YOU GRADUATE:

- Canada has provided ways to encourage international students and graduates to stay, gain work experience, or otherwise contribute to Canada's economy and culture
- In its effort to retain international students, Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) operate a Post-Graduate Work Permit Program. Under this program, international graduates may obtain an open work permit for up to three years

- This allows them to work for any Canadian employer in any industry without the requirement of a Canadian job offer at the time of applying

TOP UNIVERSITIES IN CANADA:

The QS World University Rankings 2021 includes 25 top Canadian universities. The 10 highest-ranked universities in Canada are –

QS World University Rankings 2021 – Top 10 Universities in Canada			
<i>Serial No.</i>	<i>Canada Rank</i>	<i>Global Rank</i>	<i>University</i>
1	#1	#25	University of Toronto
2	#2	#31	McGill University
3	#3	#45	University of British Columbia
4	#4	#118	Université de Montréal
5	#5	#119	University of Alberta
6	#6	#144	McMaster University
7	#7	#166	University of Waterloo
8	#8	#203	Western University
9	#9	#246	Queen’s University
10	#9	#246	University of Calgary

How much IELTS score is required for Canada Student Visa?

A Canada Student Visa will require you to score a minimum of 5.5 bands in each of the 4 IELTS segments for Undergraduate Courses with an overall minimum score of 6.0 and plus. Graduate Courses require 6.5 bands score with at least a score of 6.0 in each of the 4 segments.

STUDENT VISA IN CANADA

Student Visa policies - Canada

Student visas in Canada are called study permits, and all overseas students are required to obtain it. While making an application for a student visa one must also meet the requirements of the Canadian Immigration Act and Regulations. For course duration of six months or less, one does not need a student visa. Since 2005, Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) introduced a policy for international students in post-secondary studies as per which the students can now transfer between programs and institutions without applying for a change in the conditions of their visa. If the student has a valid visa for training or studying at the post-secondary level, they can transfer between public and private institutions.

Salient/ Advantageous features of a Student Visa for Canada

There are benefits to having a student visa for Canada. It allows you to work part-time on the campus at which you are registered as a student, and apply to renew your student visa from within Canada.

Permission to work in Canada

If you are going to a private institution your student visa may have different conditions. One such condition states that unless you have a student visa work permit you are prohibited from engaging in employment in Canada. If you later transfer to a public university or college, you would acquire student work visa and become eligible for on-

campus employment and other employment provisions. You do not need to change your student visa to become eligible for on-campus employment, as your registration at an eligible institution is sufficient.

STUDENT DIRECT STREAM (SDS)

The Student Direct Stream (SDS) is an expedited study permit processing program for those who are applying to study in Canada at a post-secondary designated learning institution (DLI). The SDS is available to legal residents who also reside in

- Antigua and Barbuda
- Brazil
- China
- Colombia
- Costa Rica
- India
- Morocco
- Pakistan
- Peru
- Philippines
- Senegal
- Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Vietnam

To be eligible, applicants must meet specific requirements by providing documentation up front.

About the SDS

Some international students can get their study permits faster by using the SDS. IRCC processes most SDS applications within **20 calendar days** if the eligibility requirements are met.

Only applications submitted electronically are eligible for SDS processing. All paper applications are processed under the regular study permit application stream and are subject to the associated processing times.

Foreign nationals who are eligible for SDS processing are still subject to all other eligibility and admissibility requirements under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (IRPA) and Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations (IRPR).

Eligibility criteria

The applicant **must** include the following documents to be eligible for SDS processing:

1. **proof of a valid language test result**, completed within 2 years of the date the SDS application was received, showing either of the following:
 - an International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score of 6.0 or higher in each language skill: listening, reading, writing and speaking
 - a Test d'Evaluation de Français (TEF) score that is equivalent to a Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB) score of at least 7 for each ability: at least 310 for speaking, 249 for listening, 207 for reading and 310 for writing
2. **proof of a Guaranteed Investment Certificate (GIC) of CAN\$10,000** or more from any bank insured by the Canadian Deposit Insurance Corporation (CDIC) or any bank listed on the IRCC SDS web page

The GIC must meet the following criteria:

- When the GIC has been purchased, the bank provides a letter of attestation, the GIC certificate, the Investment Directions Confirmation or the Investment Balance Confirmation to the applicant.
- The bank holds the funds in an investment account or a student account that is inaccessible for release to the applicant until the applicant's arrival in Canada.
- Upon entry to Canada, the bank must validate the client's identity before releasing funds to the study permit holder.
- The applicant receives an initial disbursement upon identifying themselves, and the remaining funds are disbursed in monthly or bimonthly installments over a period of 10 to 12 months.

3. proof of full payment of tuition for the applicant's first year of study

This may be in the form of the following:

- a receipt from the DLI
- an official letter from the DLI confirming payment of tuition fees
- a receipt from a bank showing that tuition fees have been paid to the DLI
- proof that the tuition fee amount has been transferred into a repository account at the DLI to be applied to the tuition bill at a later date

4. letter of acceptance from a post-secondary DLI

5. most recent secondary or post-secondary educational transcript

6. proof of completion of upfront medical examination from a panel physician for applicants

- who have lived or travelled for 6 months in designated countries or territories during the year before coming to Canada
- whose field of study requires upfront medical examination results

In addition to the above criteria, applicants for SDS processing **must** include as part of their electronic application (e-application) the following documents:

- [Application for Study Permit Made Outside Canada form \[IMM 1294\] \(PDF, 566 KB\)](#) (overseas)

- Family Information form [IMM 5645] (PDF, 1.56 MB) (if applicable)
- Schedule 1 – Application for a Temporary Resident Visa form [IMM 5257] (PDF, 533 KB) (if applicable)
- marriage license or certificate or Statutory Declaration of Common-Law Union form [IMM 5409] (PDF, 637 KB) (if applicable)
- Use of a Representative form [IMM 5476] (PDF, 648 KB) (if applicable)
- Quebec Acceptance Certificate (CAQ) or letter of approval from the Ministère de l'Immigration, de la Francisation et de l'Intégration (MIFI) for a CAQ for applicants destined to Quebec
- application processing fee payment and biometric processing fee payment (if applicable)
- proof of identity
- photocopy of the information and biographic data page of the applicant's passport
- any additional documents specified by the visa office instructions for the applicant's region

Note: In most cases, the applicant is required to submit biometrics. After the applicant has submitted a complete application, including the payment of the application and biometric processing fees (if applicable), they are sent a biometric instruction letter (BIL), which includes instructions on submitting biometrics.

Officers may also request additional documents from the applicant at any time in order to make a decision on their application.

Officers must be satisfied that the applicant is bona fide and will leave Canada by the end of the period authorized for their stay.

Incomplete applications

Incomplete applications are refused. With the exception of the biometric fee, if the application processing fee has not been included or is incorrect, the application is refused. If the biometric fee is missing, the officer is to request the fee.

Family members of study permit applicants under the SDS

Family members of principal applicants who are applying under the SDS are eligible for concurrent processing if they apply at the same time as the primary applicant. For more information, see the definition of a family member in subsection R1(3).

Temporary residence applications (work permit, study permit and temporary resident visa applications) of the accompanying family members must be submitted online as part of a family grouping.

Prerequisite courses and bridging programs of study

Applicants who are taking a prerequisite course or bridging program of study at a DLI before starting their main program may be eligible to apply under the SDS, provided they meet all the program eligibility criteria.

Example

Applicants still need to submit an e-application from overseas. However, the prerequisite course or bridging program of study must be clearly identified as such in the applicant's letter of acceptance, and the applicant's main program of study must lead to a degree, diploma or certificate.

QUESTION AND ANSWERS

How much IELTS score is required for Canada Student Visa?

A Canada Student Visa will require you to score a minimum of 5.5 bands in each of the 4 IELTS segments for Undergraduate Courses with an overall minimum score of 6.0 and plus. Graduate Courses require 6.5 bands score with at least a score of 6.0 in each of the 4 segments.

How can I get Study Visa for Canada?

The following are the steps to be followed to obtain the Canada Study Visa:

- Submit an online application for the Canada Study Visa on the website of the Citizenship and Immigration Canada prior to your arrival to the nation
- It is also possible to submit a paper-based Visa application in nations that have limited access to internet
- Provide a Letter of Acceptance from a Designated Learning Institution (DLI). It refers to a University/College recognized by the Government of Canada.
- Offer evidence of adequate financial resources for supporting your studies in Canada including living expenses and tuition fees
- Have no record of crime
- Provide medical records that state you are having a good health condition and if required complete medical examinations

How much does a Canada student visa cost?

A study permit for Canada costs CAD 150.

Issued by the Government of Canada, a study permit is a document that allows foreign nationals to study at any of the Designated learning Institutions [DLI] in Canada. A study permit is not a visa. A visitor visa or eTA for Canada will be issued along with the study permit, whichever is required in the specific situation.

How long does it take to get a Canada student visa?

The processing time varies from country to country.

For Canada study permits, anyone applying from India can expect a processing time of around 20 calendar days. As Indians are eligible for applying under the Student Direct Stream [SDS], they can expect a faster processing time for their study permit for Canada. A legal resident living in any 1 of certain countries – India, Pakistan, the Philippines, Morocco, Senegal, Vietnam, and China – can apply under the SDS.

Do note that a study permit is not a visa and you cannot enter or travel to Canada on your study permit alone. You will also require either an electronic travel authorization [eTA] or a visitor visa. If required, the same will be issued along with your study permit.

How much money is required for Canada Study Visa?

Canada Student Visa requirements include offering proof of funds to support oneself. As of now, it is CAD 10,000 annually excluding the tuition fees. It is CAD 11,000 if you are applying to study in Quebec province.

Is ITR required for Canada Student Visa?

Submitting ITR – Income Tax Return as evidence of income has not been listed specifically among the mandatory documents for submission. However, Canada Student Visa applicants must note that:

- The mindset of the Visa Officers is to ensure that the student does not become a burden on Canada's economy and must be able to bear the cost of studies
- Students who fail to support themselves can resort to work unlawfully or in other illegal activities and no nation would be happy about this
- Submitting ITR acts as evidence or a measure that builds confidence that the student will be able to fund the education in Canada without any support externally
- Any Education loans that are approved for Study in Canada are also deemed as available sources

What are the required documents for Canada study Visa?

Your application for student permit must have the following documents:

- Acceptance letter from the university
- Valid passport
- Proof that you have enough funds to finance your studies
- Proof of English Proficiency Test

- Academic Documents
- Receipt of Payment of Tuition fee
- Medical certificate
- Selection to a university in Quebec will need a Certificat d'acceptation du Québec' (CAQ that will be sent by the university

Do I need a PCC for a Canadian Student Visa? I am from India.

Canada Student Visa applications filed by citizens of India from within India do not require PCC.

How much does it cost to study in Canada?

The official currency of Canada is the Canadian Dollar often represented as CAD or \$.

Canada is an affordable country when it comes to study and live. The total cost you incur totally depends on the place you choose to study. The average cost for an international student seeking an undergraduate course would be at least \$18,000. If you are pursuing a post graduate degree, it might cost you \$17,000. There are also post graduate courses that cost as much as \$50,000 too.

You should also consider other costs when putting down your budgeting. Health Insurance will cost \$600; the administration fee would be between \$150 and \$500. The application fees for certain courses would cost \$250.

If you want a study visa, you should be having at least \$10,000 at your disposal for your living costs. If you want to live with more comfort, you should have at least \$15,000. You can consider University accommodation over a rented one as the former would cost cheaper. Having more money is always good.

International students are allowed to work for 120 full days or 240 half days while they study at Canada. This can earn you extra money which you can use for other expenditure. But if you want enough money with which you could support your study, going for a full time work is a better option.

Which study is best for future in Canada?

Studying in Canada has many advantages. Choose whichever course you are interested. Research on which Canadian University is the best for you. Canadian Universities offer world class education and a practical approach to learning. These degrees are accepted worldwide.

As soon as students complete their graduation, they begin searching for jobs. Majority of these students get employment opportunities. But students from certain fields have a cut above chance of getting a job in Canada.

Below is the list

- Degrees in Dentistry have 100% chances of getting a job
- Degrees in the field of Medicine have 99% chances
- Nursing degrees have 97.4% chances
- Pharmacy degrees: 97.2% Degrees in Pharmacy have 97.2%
- A degree in Computer science has 96.5%
- Degrees in business have 94.9%

Which jobs are in demand in Canada?

Based on latest information, the top jobs available in Canada are related to healthcare and STEM related fields. Canada needs workers in these areas and are encouraging graduates from these fields to apply for them.

What are the documents required for obtaining the Canada study Visa?

- Attested copies of 10th, 12th and Degree certificates
- Proof of passing the English language proficiency test– TOEFL, IELTS
- Score of Standardized Tests such as GMAT, GRE (where necessary for the program)
- Academic references – 2
- Employer references – 2
- Photographs (Passport size)
- SOP (Statement of Purpose)
- CV/Resume
- Other Certificates & Achievements of Extracurricular Activities
- Certificates of extracurricular achievements

How do I prepare for entrance to universities in Canada?

You must prepare for standardized tests such as TOEFL, GRE, GMAT, IELTS based on the requirements of the university or course you are applying to. You must register for these tests in advance. Prior preparation for these tests is also necessary. You can do this by attending coaching classes or taking online courses. Sometimes you may have to retake these tests to get the qualifying score.

How do I finance my studies in Canada?

Before you leave for Canada, ensure that you have enough funds that will take care of your entire period of stay in the country. This should include funds for tuition fees, accommodation, food, clothes, local travel and other expenses. You must plan on how you will fund these expenses either with your personal savings, educational loans, scholarship etc.

What is the GIC required for students to study in Canada?

Students going to Canada must buy a special guaranteed investment certificate (GIC) from any of the participating bank such as Nova Scotia Bank, ICICI Bank, SBI Canada Bank, CIBC Bank for an amount of CAD 10,200 to facilitate the adjustment of the living expenses of the first year. With the GIC the student will receive CAD 2000 on arrival in Canada. The rest of the money will be paid in 12 equal installments to take care of his monthly living expenses.

Can those on student visa Bring dependents?

Canada's immigration policy allows the spouse and minor dependents of student visa holders to come to Canada to work and study. The spouse of a dependent visa holder can work in Canada on an open work permit. They can work for any employer in Canada and does not require an LMIA or job offer before arrival in the country. The work permit will have the same period of validity as the study permit

Minor children of student visa holders can study and do not require a study permit to pursue their education in Canada.

To bring dependents the student visa aspirant can apply for his dependents concurrently or wait for his student visa application to be approved before making his application for his dependents.

The following relations can be sponsored for a dependent visa:

- Spouse or common-law partner or conjugal partner
- Dependent children under the age of 21
- Dependent parents or grandparents
- Child adopted outside Canada while you held a Canadian citizenship or PR

- Your brother, sister, niece, nephew, uncle, aunt or other close relatives

Your dependents can live with you in Canada.

What are the Documents required to apply for dependents?

Passport & travel history

Background documentation

Spouse/partner documentation including marriage certificate

Other proof of relationship

Income proof of sponsor to show adequate finances

Completed application & consulate fees

Are Canadian colleges and universities accepting applications from overseas students?

Even though Canadian colleges and universities are closed due to the Corona virus pandemic, they are accepting online applications from international students.

Is WES still accepting documents?

WES is coordinating with DHL, FedEx, Canada Post, USPS, and other delivery companies to hold mail while WES offices are closed. It has arranged for them to pick up mail for storage at WES once every week to process the ECA reports.

My University/Institution can't send official documents because of COVID-19. Can I still get an evaluation- ECA Report?

If your university wishes to send your documents electronically to WES, please have them apply via the WES Contact Us form. WES will contact your institution to discuss possibilities for the digital transfer of documents.

Will WES still send verification requests when the office is closed?

WES will continue to send requests for verification / re-verification to organizations via email during this crisis. WES will not submit requests for verification / re-verification via mail (postal or courier) until their in-office operations resume.

Will COVID-19 affect the WES evaluation process?

WES is operating remotely to promote completion of assessment results and is working closely with institutions across the globe to obtain validated credentials electronically.

How to apply for student visa Canada?

You should apply for a student visa once you get confirmation from a university. You should collect all the documents required for the student visa and submit your visa application.

Financial requirements

In order to study in Canada, you should have the funds required for your entire stay in Canada along with accommodation, local travel, food, clothes, and other miscellaneous expenses. You should plan on how you will finance your studies- personal savings, education loans, student scholarships, or assistantship.

To help you understand the Canada study visa rules and the study requirements for Indian students, you can take the help of student visa consultants. These consultants will help you apply for a study in Canada from India.

What is the type of student visa I need to study abroad in Canada?

You will need a Canada study permit to be able to study in Canada as an international student.

What are the degree options available for studying overseas in Canada?

Study abroad in Canada, degree options available:

[1] Bachelor's (3 to 4 years)

[2] Advanced Diploma (3 years)

[3] Diploma (2 years)

How many intakes are offered in Canada?

There are 2 intakes offered by universities in Canada.

FALL – September – major intake

WINTER – January – minor intake

Some universities in Canada might also offer SUMMER intake (April/May), for certain limited courses only.

✚ Are there funding and scholarship options available for studying overseas in Canada?

Generally, every university in Canada has different scholarship options available. International students might apply for various scholarships for studying abroad in Canada.

✚ Can international students in Canada work part-time?

International students can work 20 hours a week while studying abroad in Canada.

✚ What is the academic percentage needed for admission in Canadian universities?

Recommended to have at least 70% for admission into a course at the Bachelor's degree level. For Diploma and Advanced Diploma, at least 60% will be needed.

✚ Is 12 years of education accepted for study abroad in Canada?

Yes, 12 years of education is accepted by Canada for study abroad.

✚ I have a long education gap. Can I apply for study abroad in Canada?

A maximum of 7 year's education gap is accepted for any UG profile. Most of the colleges are very specific to this requirement.

✚ What is a LOA for study abroad in Canada?

Here, by 'LOA' is implied a Letter of Acceptance.

An LOA for study overseas is the official document confirming the offer and will be required to begin the student visa application process.

As per IRCC, a LOA will have to be included with Canada study permit applications – including renewals – that had been received (online) or post-marked (paper-based) on or after June 1, 2014.

✚ Who issues an LOA?

A Letter of Acceptance or LOA is issued by a Designated Learning Institution [DLI].

✚ What is a DLI?

Provinces and territories in Canada can approve – or 'designate' – schools that might take in international students.

Such schools are referred to as Designated Learning Institutions [DLI]

✚ Is a LOA from a DLI mandatory?

Those applying for a Canada study permit will require an acceptance letter from a DLI.

A Canada study permit application that doesn't include an acceptance letter will be refused by IRCC.

Is it possible to submit the Canada student visa application without LOA?

Not possible. A LOA will be required.

✚ Do Canadian universities and colleges accept profiles that are holding distance education?

Very few colleges in Canada accept 12th through distance education. Limited options available.

✚ What are the required exams for study abroad in Canada?

Generally, IELTS will be required for all study courses.

SAT or ACT, though recommended, are not required.

✚ Is IELTS compulsory for study abroad in Canada?

An international student will have to show results of any of the English proficiency tests – PTE, TOEFL, or IELTS.

Few colleges in Canada are also accepting Duolingo scores.

✚ Can I get the English proficiency test requirement waived if I hold more than 70% in 10th and 12th?

No. Results of any of the English proficiency tests will have to be submitted. The test can be either IELTS, PTE, or TOEFL.

Duolingo scores are also being accepted by few colleges in Canada.

✚ What is the duration of the Bachelor's degree in Canada?

Most of the courses offered in Canada at the Bachelor's level are for 3 to 4 years.

✚ Is Maths in 12th a requirement for applying for study abroad in Canada?

For BSc in Canada: Maths in Class 12 is mandatory.

For BA in Canada: Maths in Class 12 is optional.

For most of the Business and STEM-related courses in Canada: Maths is a requirement.

✚ What is the cost of the application fee?

Most of the Canadian universities charge an application fee in the range of CAD 100 to CAD 150.

College application fee, on the other hand, would be between CAD 100 to CAD 125

✚ What are the timelines for receiving the offer from the university/college in Canada?

Usually, universities in Canada take 6 to 8 weeks for giving their decision.

A decision from a college in Canada can be expected in 2 to 4 weeks

✚ Is Duolingo accepted in Canada universities or colleges?

Some universities and colleges in Canada are accepting Duolingo test scores, for a limited period.

✚ What are the post-study work opportunities available for an international student in Canada?

An international student is eligible for –

- 1-year post study work permit after the completion of 1-year study in Canada
- 3-years post study work permit following the completion of a course of 2 or more years in Canada.

✚ What is the estimated tuition fee for 1 year?

The annual tuition fees for universities in Canada range from CAD 20,000 to CAD 45,000.

Tuition fees for colleges in Canada start from CAD 14,000 a year.

✚ What is the estimated living cost for 1 year?

Approximately CAD 10,000 will be required to be shown towards meeting the financial requirement for a Canada student visa.

✚ Are there any specific requirements for study abroad in Quebec?

Those planning to study overseas in Quebec province of Canada will have to apply for a CAQ or Quebec Acceptance Certificate.

Here, CAQ stands for *certificat d'acceptation du Québec*.

Generally, Quebec's temporary resident programs require a CAQ authorizing their stay in Quebec.

✚ Can students apply for a Bachelor's in the Canada if they have already had a bachelor's degree in India/some other country?

Yes.

However, do note that while such students might apply, a proper justification for the same will be required at the time of their visa interview.

Moreover, the course in Canada should be different from their earlier degree. Generally, it is recommended to apply for a PG Diploma or Master's in Canada in such cases.