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Services for Canadian Citizens

What kind of help they can the High Commission in Islamabad and the Consulate in Karachi provide to Canadian citizen?

They will offer to help you in such a way that it is appropriate to the individual circumstances of each case, including:

They Can provide:

- Emergency Services
- Passports
- Living or Travelling Abroad advice
- Travel Advice and Advisories

Visa Types

- Tourist Visa
- Study Permits
- Work Permits

Study in Canada as an international student

What is a study permit?

- The study permit is a document we issue that allows foreign nationals to study at designated learning institutions (DLI) in Canada. Most foreign nationals need a study permit to study in Canada. Make sure you have all the documents you need before you apply. You should apply **before you travel to Canada**.
- **Note: Your study permit is not a visa.** It alone doesn't allow you to enter Canada. You may also need a temporary resident visa or an electronic travel authorization (eTA). If so, we will issue it as part of your study permit application.

How long can you stay in Canada with a study permit

A study permit is usually valid for the length of your study program, plus an extra 90 days. This extra time lets you prepare to leave Canada or apply to extend your stay.

- If you can't finish your courses before the date on your permit, you must apply to extend your stay as a student.
- If you finish your studies early, your permit will stop being valid **90 days after you complete your studies** (no matter what day is printed on the study permit).

You have completed your studies either

On the date you get the first notification from your school (such as an email, letter, transcript, etc.) or

When you get your degree, diploma or certificate.

You must prove provide proof of the date you got one of these.

Note: If you can't prove the date you were first notified by your school, we will use the earliest issue date on the document. We may need to confirm this date with your school.

If your school asked you to take some courses before they will accept you into the main program (conditional acceptance), we will only issue your study permit for the length of these courses. When you get accepted into the main program, you can apply to extend your stay as student from within Canada.

Can you go back home while studying?

If you plan to leave Canada during a scheduled break (such as the summer, or winter holidays and spring break), you may need to show proof you are enrolled in your school when you return to Canada. If you came here on:

a visa, you also need to make sure it is still valid.

an electronic travel authorization (eTA), and you leave and return to Canada by air, you will need to make sure it is still valid.

Study permit: Who can apply?

Eligibility requirements

You can study in Canada if you: are enrolled at a designated learning institution (DLI)

- Show proof that you have enough money to pay for your: tuition fees living expenses for yourself and any family members who come with you to Canada and return transportation for yourself and any family members who come with you to Canada
- obey the law, have no criminal record and not be a risk to the security of Canada. You may have to provide a police certificate.
- Are in good health. You may need to complete a medical exam.
- Convince an immigration officer that you will leave Canada at the end of your studies.

Your responsibilities

While studying in Canada you must:

- make progress towards completing your program
- respect any conditions listed on your study permit
- stop studying if you no longer meet the requirements and
- leave Canada when your permit expires

Depending on your case, there may be conditions on your study permit such as:

- the level of studies you can attend
- if you're allowed to work in Canada
- if you're allowed to travel within Canada
- the date you must stop studying

People who do not need a permit to study in Canada

Most foreign nationals need a study permit to study in Canada. The cases below are exceptions.

Short-term studies (six months or less)

You can study at any school in Canada without a study permit if:

- your course or program is for six months or less
- your studies aren't part of a longer program and
- you will complete all your studies within the time we approved you to stay in Canada (usually six months after you enter).

Family or staff of foreign representatives

You may not need a study permit if you are a family member or staff member of a foreign representative to Canada accredited by Global Affairs Canada (GAC). Your embassy can contact GAC to find out if you need one.

Members of foreign armed forces

If you are a member of a foreign armed force in Canada on official duties, you don't need a study permit. If your family members (including minor children), want to study in Canada, they may need one.

Registered Indians in Canada

You don't need a study permit if you are a citizen of another country who has Registered Indian status in Canada.

Minor children in Canada

Minor children don't need a study permit if they:

- are in kindergarten
- are refugees or refugee claimants
- have parents who are refugees or refugee claimants or
- want to go to pre-school, primary or secondary school, and are already in Canada with a parent who is allowed to work or study in Canada.

Why get a study permit if you don't need one?

You may want to apply for a study permit even if you don't need one. To be eligible to apply for a study permit, your course or program must be from a DLI. If you decide to apply for a study permit even though you are exempt, you should include a letter of explanation that says why you want one.

Reasons to apply for a study permit include being able to:

Keep studying while you renew your permit

- If you get a study permit before you come to Canada: you can renew your permit and keep studying in Canada while waiting for your new permit because you have implied status.
- If you don't have a study permit: you can apply for a study permit from inside Canada, but you can't start your program until you get the permit.
- This rule also applies for prerequisite courses, when you get accepted to a program under the condition that you take and pass certain courses (conditional acceptance).

Work part-time on-campus

You can work part-time on-campus if you are registered as a full-time student at a college or university.

Study permit: How to apply

Get your documents ready

Before you apply for a study permit, you need:

- an **acceptance letter** from a designated learning institution (DLI)
- a valid passport or travel document
- proof you can support yourself, and any family members who come with you, while you're in Canada

You need to give your biometrics

- In most cases, you now need to give your fingerprints and photo (biometrics) after you apply.

How to apply

Generally, you must apply for a study permit **before you come to Canada**. Some people can apply for a study permit from within Canada. In some cases, you can apply when

you arrive in Canada at the port of entry. Make sure you understand which option is available to **you**.

Apply for a study permit outside Canada

Apply online

Save time and get case updates online!

- No courier fees or mail delivery time – we get your application instantly.
- Online applications may be processed more quickly.
- Avoid processing delays. Incomplete applications are returned to you. Applying online helps ensure your application is complete before you submit it.
- If we need to ask for more documents, you can quickly submit them online.
- You don't need to submit your passport until we ask for it.
- Get updates on the status of your application directly in your online account.

Ready to get started?

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

Study permit: After you apply

1. You need to give your fingerprints and photo (biometrics)

In most cases, you need to give biometrics. After you pay the biometrics fee and submit your application, we'll send you a letter that says you need to give your biometrics. The letter will tell you how and where to give your biometrics. You have up to **30 days** to give your biometrics (in person).

If you didn't pay the biometrics fee, we'll send you a letter asking you to do this first. You can only get the instruction letter if you pay the biometrics fee.

2. We process your study permit application

We'll check your application to make sure you have all the necessary documents.

If it's incomplete, we'll return your application without processing it.

We may also ask you to:

- go to an interview with our officials in your country, or
- to send more information.

You may also need to get a:

- Medical exam
- A visa officer will send you instructions if you need one. This may add more than 3 months to the processing time of your application.
- Police certificate
- This also applies to any family members who come to Canada with you and are 18 years of age and over.

Updating your application

- If you move or change your address, telephone number or any other contact information after you apply, you must tell us.

If we approve your application

- We will send you:
- a **letter of introduction** to confirm. This letter isn't your study permit. You need to show it to the immigration official when you arrive in Canada.
- an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) or a visitor visa (temporary resident visa) to enter Canada:
 - if you are from a country where you need an eTA, the letter of introduction will include information about your eTA. Also, the eTA will be:
 - linked to your passport. It is important that you travel with the passport you used when you applied for your study permit.
 - valid for five years or until your passport expires, whichever comes first.
 - if you are from a country where you need a visitor visa, the visa will:
 - be in your passport. You must enter Canada before it expires.
 - show if you can enter Canada only once (a single-entry visa) or if you can enter Canada multiple times (a multiple-entry visa).

If we refuse your application

We will send you a letter explaining why. Reasons we may refuse it include if you didn't:

- show proof that you have enough money to support yourself while studying in Canada
- pass the medical exam if you needed one
- convince the visa officer that your main purpose in Canada is to study
- convince the visa officer that you will leave Canada at the end of your study period.
- If you have questions about why you were refused, contact the visa office that sent the refusal letter.

Study permit: Prepare for arrival

Arriving in Canada

When you arrive in Canada, you'll meet a border services officer. The officer will:

- ask to see your passport or travel documents,

- ask you a few questions, and
- make sure you meet the requirements to enter Canada.
- You'll also have to show the officer that you'll leave Canada at the end of your stay.

If you need proof that you entered Canada

- Your school or training facility might need you to prove you entered Canada. If you need proof of entry, make sure a border services officer stamps your passport before you leave the airport. You may also be able to use a Primary Inspection Kiosk to stamp your passport.

Documents you need

When you meet the border services officer, you may have to show them:

- a valid passport or travel document
- the letter of introduction the visa office sent you when they approved your study permit (this letter has your permit reference number which we use to issue your study permit)
- a copy of a valid letter of acceptance from your school
- proof that you have enough money to support yourself during your stay in Canada
- letters of reference or any other documents the visa office told you to bring, and
- either a valid Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) **or** visitor visa (temporary resident visa)
- If you have a valid eTA, it'll be linked to the passport you used to apply for your study permit.

Keep the documents with you

Carry these items and all other valuable papers, cash and traveler's cheques with you at all times. Don't put them in your checked luggage. You may not be allowed into Canada if any of your documents are missing or if any of the information on your application or letters of reference is incorrect.

How long you can stay in Canada

The officer will stamp your passport or let you know how long you can stay in Canada. Usually, this will match the length of your study permit. Ask questions if you aren't sure about anything.

If there aren't any problems, the officer will let you enter Canada and will issue your study permit. You should check your study permit:

- to make sure your personal information is correct and

- for the expiry date.

You must leave Canada, apply to extend your study permit, or change your status to a visitor or temporary worker by the expiry date.

Disclose your funds

You must tell the border officer if you arrive in Canada with more than CAN\$10,000. If you don't, we may fine you and seize your funds. This amount can include:

- cash
- securities that belong to you (stocks, bonds, debentures, treasury bills) or
- bankers' drafts, cheques, traveller's cheques or money orders

Your study permit conditions

As a study permit holder in Canada, there are a number of conditions you need to meet. If you don't meet these conditions, you may lose your student status and study permit. You may also have to leave Canada.

Travelling outside of Canada

To be able to re-enter Canada if you travel outside of Canada while you're studying or on a leave, you must have a valid:

- passport or travel document
- study permit if you're returning to study in Canada, and
- Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) **or** visitor visa, depending on which document you need

The only exception to needing a valid visitor visa is if you travel **only** to the United States or St-Pierre and Miquelon and you return to Canada with a valid study permit. This exception **doesn't** apply for eTAs.

Your study permit is not a visa.

Health insurance

The Government of Canada doesn't pay for medical costs for foreign students. Health coverage for foreign students is different depending on where you live in Canada. Contact your school in Canada for information about health insurance.

Work in Canada

Get a work permit

Work permits and applications for temporary workers, business people, students and caregivers in the Live-In Caregiver Program.

Immigrate through Express Entry

The application process for skilled immigrants who want to settle in Canada permanently and take part in our economy.

How Express Entry works

Step 1: Find out if you're eligible

There are two ways to find out if you're eligible for a program that is part of Express Entry: answer a few questions to see if you meet the minimum requirements
read the detailed requirements for each program

Step 2: Get your documents ready

You need documents, such as language test results, to show that you're eligible for Express Entry. Some documents take a long time to get, so you should get them ready now. Get the documents you need

Step 3: Submit your profile

Your Express Entry profile is where you give us information about yourself.

If you're eligible, we'll accept you into our pool of candidates.

You'll be ranked in the Express Entry pool using a points-based system. Your score is based on the information in your profile.

- Check your score
- Submit your profile

Step 4: Receive an invitation and apply for permanent residence

- We send invitations to apply to the candidates with the highest scores in the pool. If we invite you to apply, you'll have 60 days to submit your application for permanent residence.
- We'll process most **complete** applications that have **all** the supporting documents in 6 months or less.
- Apply for permanent residence

For more information on the Express entry, candidates can click on the link below;

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/express-entry/works.html>

Procedure to apply for Canada visa from Pakistan

Canada Tourist Visa from Pakistan Requirements

- Duly signed separate application form for each applicant
- Original passport with at least six months validity and must have one blank-page.
- Copies of all old/expired passports.
- 1 photo copy of the front page of the current passport
- Photo Copy of NADRA issued CNIC
- 2 current photos, not more than 6-month-old. Write applicant's name, and date of birth clearly in English on back of the photo.
- Letter of your employment, which should include your salary, position, date hired, and the approved leaves dates should be mentioned clearly. If you are dependent (House wife, student or child) than give the evidence of husband or father's employment.
- Children under age of 16 who are traveling alone must provide consent of both parents. If there is a minor with subject f custody order, evidence of custody and the other parent's consent must also be provided. If only one parent is traveling with a minor child, a letter of consent from the other parent allowing the child to travel is required.
- Copy of "B" form-NADRA- computerized (in case of traveling with children.
- Bank Statement of the last 6 months
- Air ticket reservation Print out
- Hotel Reservation
- Or If you have an invitation from a sponsor, then the following documents are required along with it: -Copy of Passport of the sponsor.
- Bank Statement of the sponsor of last 6 months.
- Any other documentation/information showing your ties to Pakistan, like property documents, any wealth certificates etc.

Canada Business Visa from Pakistan Requirements

- Attested Invitation letter
- Duly signed separate application form for each applicant
- Original passport with at least six months validity and must have one blank page.
- Copies of all old/expired passports.
- 1 photo copy of the front page of the current passport
- Photo Copy of NADRA issued CNIC
- 2 current photos, not more than 6-month-old. Write applicant's name, and date of birth clearly in English on back of the photo.
- Letter of your employment, which should include your salary, position, date hired, and the approved leaves dates should be mentioned clearly. If you are dependent (House wife, student or child) than give the evidence of husband or father's employment.
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- Copy of "B" form-NADRA- computerized (in case of traveling with children)

- Bank Statement of the last 6 months
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Canada Visa Key Information

Visa Type	Standard Visa
Validity of Passport	6 Months
Quantity of Photos	2
Processing Time	10 to 35 working days
Canada Visa Fees in Pakistan	100 CAD
Bank Statement	6 Months
Minimum Account Balance Required	Should be enough to cover your expenses, if you are travelling with family than should cover expenses of whole family

Canada Visa Documents Requirement from Pakistan

1 - Application Form - Click Here	2 - Original Passport
3 - Passport Photo Copy	4 - Invitation letter from Sponsor / Host
5 - Passport Copy of Sponsor	6 - Visa or local ID of sponsor
7 - Air Line Reservation	8 - Hotel Reservation
9 - Nadra Issued Card	10 - B form for kids
11 - Bank Statement	12 - Income Proof
13 - Business Proof	14 - Salary Proof
15 - Property Proof	16 - Any other fixed assets or wealth proof
17 - FBR Tax Returns	

Canada Visa Application Centers in Pakistan

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