

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE CANADA

APPLICATION PROCESS FOR CANADIANS AT A GLANCE

Here's an overview of the application process to help guide your work and travel plans.*

1 VISIT INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE CANADA (IEC).

Visit Canada.ca/IEC to discover the destinations available to you.

2 CHOOSE A DESTINATION

- Choose the country or territory where you want to work and travel.
- Find out if you're eligible. Each country has specific requirements, like age, financial resources, length of stay and application fees.
- Research culture, jobs, housing, transportation and cost of living.

3 CHOOSE A WORK PERMIT

Choose the work permit that's right for you.

- Open work permit
 - ↳ This is also known as a working holiday permit or visa.
 - ↳ This lets you work for any employer or multiple employers. You **don't** need to find a job before you apply.
- Employer-specific
 - ↳ This is common for co-ops, internships or career development. You **do** need to find a job before you apply.

4 GATHER ALL THE DOCUMENTS

- Gather all the documents required (for example, identification, passport, proof of funds).
- Once you have read the country's information on the web page and you are ready, click "Start Your Application."
- You will be applying directly to the government of the country or territory where you wish to travel so the application process may vary (online, by mail or in person at the closest embassy or consulate).

5 COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION

- The process for each country is different, but you normally need to
 - ↳ fill out the application form for your country of destination
 - ↳ pay the associated application fees
 - ↳ submit your application and documents

6 YOUR APPLICATION HAS BEEN SUBMITTED

- You'll get instructions on next steps by email or mail. (Additional documents, such as a police check and a proof of health insurance, may be required.)

Tip: Check your junk or spam folder to make sure you don't miss important emails.

7 APPLICATION APPROVED!

- You can start planning for your adventure abroad.
- Read blogs and group discussions to find information from other travellers.
- Look for accommodations.
- Book your flight.
- Register your travel with the [Government of Canada's Registration of Canadians Abroad](#).
- Research how to open a bank account when you arrive.
- Research international phone plans.

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ENJOY YOUR ADVENTURE!

Take pictures and tag us!



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