

Canada Visitor Visa Application Checklist

Ensure you have all the following documents to successfully complete your Canada Visitor Visa application:

1. Valid Passport



- Your passport must be valid for the duration of your intended stay in Canada.
- The six-month validity rule is a common recommendation for international travel, but it is not a requirement enforced by IRCC for visitor visas. The authorized stay is typically up to six months or until the passport expires, whichever comes first.
- If no entry stamp is provided, the stay defaults to six months.

2. Visa Application Form (IMM 5257)



- Complete the IMM 5257 form for a Visitor Visa.
- Ensure all sections are filled out accurately and completely.

3. Passport-sized Photographs



- Provide two recent passport-sized photographs.
- The photos must meet IRCC's photo specifications (e.g., size, background color).

4. Proof of Financial Support



- Proof of funds is required, but the specific amount is not set by IRCC. The funds must cover your maintenance in Canada and the cost of return travel.
- Financial support documents can include bank statements, pay stubs, or a letter from your sponsor.
- The amount is assessed on a case-by-case basis based on your travel plans and the duration of your stay.

5. Travel Itinerary



- Provide details of your flight reservations and hotel bookings.
- If visiting family or friends, provide an invitation letter from your host in Canada.

6. Travel History



- Provide previous travel history, including visas to other countries (if applicable).
- Include any previous Canadian visas (if you have traveled to Canada before).

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7. Family Information Form

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- The Family Information Form (IMM 5645) is required for all applicants aged 18 and older.
- The form IMM 5645 or IMM 5707 may be requested depending on the visa office or application package.
- Ensure the form is completed for all members of your household, including spouse and children.

8. Biometrics (If Required)

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- Biometrics (fingerprints and photographs) may be required for applicants between the ages of 14 and 79.
- If biometrics are required, the fee is CAD 170.
- Biometrics can be completed at a Visa Application Centre (VAC).

9. Application Fee

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- The CAD 100 application fee is required for most applicants.
- The CAD 170 biometrics fee applies to applicants who need to provide biometrics.
- Family fee: If applying as a family, the maximum processing fee is CAD 500 for families of five or more people.

10. Additional Documents (If Required)

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- Medical examination (if requested by IRCC).
- Police clearance certificate (if requested for applicants with a criminal record).
- Proof of relationship for family visits (e.g., birth certificates, marriage certificates).
- For minors traveling alone, a signed authorization letter from non-accompanying parents is required.
- Certified true copies: Documents may need to be certified by an authorized person (not the applicant or their family).

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Important Notes:

- Ensure that all documents are translated into English or French if they are in another language.
- Always keep a copy of your application for your records.
- If you are applying from inside Canada, be aware that new Temporary Resident Visa (TRV) applications are generally not allowed unless you are extending your current stay (e.g., via a visitor record).

How to Submit Your Application:

- Submit your application online via the IRCC website or at your nearest Visa Application Centre (VAC).
- After submission, you will be notified if additional documents or information are needed.

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