

# LIVE, WORK AND STUDY IN CANADA

Overview of IRCC Programs

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**The Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) team at the Embassy of Canada in France is pleased to provide you with this electronic guide.**

It contains:

- An overview of the different temporary and permanent **immigration programs**.
- A list of **useful websites** to plan your mobility project for Canada.

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**We hope this information will help you prepare for your departure for Canada when the time comes.**

**Francophone Promotion  
Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC Paris)  
Embassy of Canada in France**

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## OVERVIEW OF IRCC PROGRAMS – TEMPORARY RESIDENCE

### VISIT

Find out if you need a visa to visit, do business or transit through Canada, and how to extend your stay as a visitor

### STUDY

Apply for or extend a study permit or student work permit

### Get a study permit

Who can apply, how to submit your application, processing times and what to expect when you get to Canada.

You need these documents to apply for a study permit:

- Proof of acceptance
- Proof of Identity
- Proof of financial support

You may also need :

- A letter of explanation
- An attestation of issuance of your Quebec Acceptance Certificate (CAQ)
- A medical exam
- A custodian declaration (minors only), or
- Other documents

As of January 22, 2024, most students must include an **attestation letter** from the **province or territory** where they plan to study with their study permit application.

If you apply without an attestation letter your application will be returned **unless** you're either a

- minor child in a primary or secondary school (kindergarten to grade 12)
- student in a masters, PhD, or other post-graduate program
- student applying to extend your study permit.

### Work while studying

Who can work while they study, how much and where (on campus, off campus, co-op, and post-graduation)

### Study as a French-speaking student

To be eligible for the Francophone Minority Communities Student Pilot (FMCSPP), you must meet the following criteria:

- be a citizen of an eligible country
- have a letter of acceptance from a participating designated learning institution (DLI) that says you're applying under the FMCSPP
  - Your study program must meet the requirements of the pilot.
- have enough money to pay for
  - your tuition fees
  - living expenses for yourself **and** any family members who come with you to Canada
- live outside of Canada when you apply

- get a [medical exam](#) (if you need one)
- get a [police certificate](#) (if you need one)
- be able to prove that your French [speaking, listening, reading and writing skills](#) are at a level 5 or higher in the Niveaux de compétence linguistique canadiens (NCLC) scale.

As a participant in the pilot, you

- will have access to settlement services during your studies
- may be eligible for permanent residence soon after completing your studies.

### [Stay and work in Canada after you graduate](#)

Get a work permit to stay in Canada after you graduate under certain conditions and how to apply for permanent residence.

## [WORK TEMPORARILY IN CANADA](#)

### [Temporary workers](#)

Work permits, labour market impact assessment and how your spouse can work in Canada.

### [Temporary Foreign Worker Program](#)

Allows Canadian employers to hire foreign workers for temporary positions when they are unable to find qualified Canadian workers. A Labour Market Impact Assessment (LMIA) is required.

### [International Mobility Program](#)

Allows the employer to hire a temporary worker without a Labour Market Impact Assessment (LMIA). This program has several streams including:

#### [Mobilité francophone stream](#)

Facilitated work permit:

- LMIA exemption for Canadian employers who hire French-speaking foreign workers;
- outside Quebec;
- no criteria based on age or nationality.

More information on how to apply [here](#).

### [International Experience Canada \(IEC\)](#)

International Experience Canada (IEC) provides youth aged 18 to 35 with the opportunity to travel and work in Canada. To participate:

- your country or territory of citizenship must have an agreement with Canada that allows you to apply for an IEC work permit **or**
- you may be able to use a recognized organization.

Depending on which country you're from, you can choose from up to 1, 2 or 3 pools of travel and work experiences:

- **Working Holiday:** open work permit. Fund your vacation with temporary work in Canada, for more than one employer, in more than one location.
- **Young Professionals:** employer-specific work permit. You need a job offer for a paid position. The job must contribute to your professional development.

- **International Coop (Internship):** employer-specific work permit. A job offer for a work placement or internship is required. You must be a student registered in a postsecondary institution and need to do this work placement or internship to complete your studies.

### [Open work permit for the spouse or common-law partner or dependent child of a skilled worker](#)

Open work permit for the spouse or common-law partner or dependant child of a temporary worker occupying a position for 6 months or more.

### [Global Skills Strategy](#)

- Global Talent Stream
- 2-week processing for highly skilled workers

# INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE CANADA

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# EXPÉRIENCE INTERNATIONALE CANADA

International Experience Canada (IEC) provides youth aged 18 to 35 the opportunity to travel and work in Canada with three different categories:

- ▶ Working Holiday
- ▶ Young Professionals
- ▶ International Co-op Internship

IEC is available in more than 30 countries that have bilateral Youth Mobility Agreements with Canada including **France, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland** as well as **Belgium and Luxembourg** for the **18-30 years old**.

If you are not a citizen of one of these countries, or for support and advice, you may contact [IEC's Recognized Organizations](#).

Complete **information** about **IEC** can be found here:

[www.canada.ca/iec](http://www.canada.ca/iec)

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## The three IEC categories

Check out the categories available for each country:

[www.canada.ca/iec](http://www.canada.ca/iec)

### Working Holiday

Enjoy the freedom of an open work permit. Work when you want and where you want!

### Young Professionals

Develop your career by acquiring work experience in Canada.

*Candidates must have a job offer for paid employment before applying to IEC.*

### International Co-op Internship

If you are a student, consider doing your internship (work placement) in

Canada. *Candidates must have an internship offer before applying to*

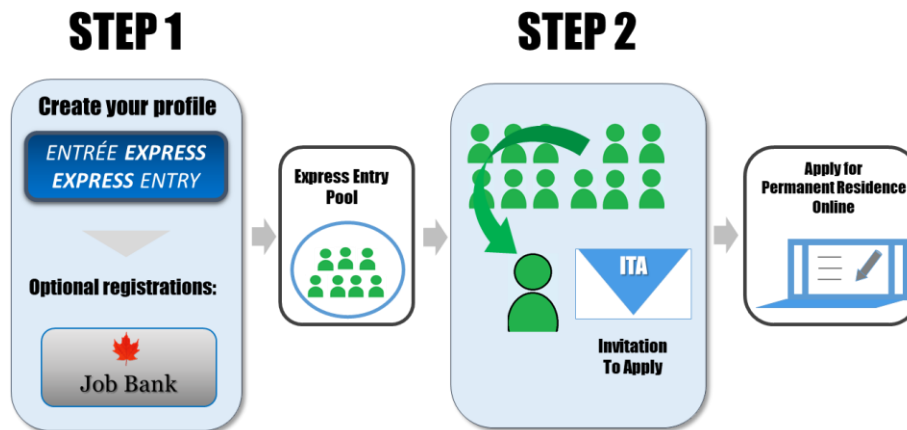
*IEC. The internship must be required to complete their studies.*

## OVERVIEW OF IRCC PROGRAMS – PERMANENT RESIDENCE

### IMMIGRATE TO CANADA

There are several programs to immigrate to Canada permanently, with or without a job offer. Use the [Come to Canada](#) tool to find out what immigration programs you can apply for [Express Entry](#)

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



Since May 2023, a new [Category-based rounds of invitations](#) allows Canada to issue invitations to apply to prospective permanent residents with specific skills, training or language ability.

Current category-based selection invitations will focus on candidates who have:

- French-language proficiency
- work experience in the following fields:
  - Healthcare occupations
  - Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) occupations
  - Trade occupations
  - Transport occupations
  - agriculture and agri-food occupations

Category-based rounds are in addition to general and program-specific rounds, such as those for the Provincial Nominee Program.

### Provincial nominees

Immigrate by being nominated by a Canadian province or territory.

### Atlantic Immigration Program

Immigrate by graduating from a school or working in New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, or Newfoundland and Labrador

### Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot

Smaller Canadian communities supporting their local economy through immigration.

### Agri-Food Pilot

Immigrate by working in specific agri-food industries and occupations.

### **Start-up Visa**

Immigrate by starting a business and creating jobs.

### **Self-employed**

Immigrate as a self-employed person in cultural or athletic activities.

### **Quebec-selected skilled workers**

Immigrate as a skilled worker in the province of Quebec.

### **Immigrate to a Francophone community outside Québec**

Live, work or study in French in a Francophone community outside Quebec



## Welcoming Francophone Communities initiative

### Build your life in a Francophone community in Canada

Fourteen welcoming Francophone communities are going above and beyond to provide services to French-speaking newcomers to help them settle and build their new lives in Canada.

- Évangéline region (Prince Edward Island)
- Clare (Nova Scotia)
- Haut-Saint-Jean region (New Brunswick)
- Labrador City-Wabush (Newfoundland and Labrador)
- Hawkesbury (Eastern Ontario)
- Sudbury (Northern Ontario)
- Hamilton (Southwest Central Ontario)
- Seine River region (Manitoba)
- Moose Jaw-Gravelbourg (Saskatchewan)
- Calgary (Alberta)
- Prince George (British Columbia)
- Yellowknife (Northwest Territories)
- Whitehorse (Yukon)
- Iqaluit (Nunavut)

Ten new communities have been added to the initiative:

Province or territory	Community
Nova Scotia	Chéticamp
New Brunswick	Belle-Baie
	Caraquet
	Restigouche West region
Eastern Ontario	Cornwall
Northern Ontario	Cochrane District (Highway 11 Corridor)
Southwest and Central Ontario	London
Manitoba	Rivière-Rouge
Saskatchewan	Prince Albert
British Columbia	Nanaimo

Thanks to the renewal of the initiative and the addition of new communities, many French-speaking newcomers will continue to receive the support they need in various aspects of building their life in Canada.

## PERMANENT RESIDENTS: GET HELP BEFORE ARRIVING IN CANADA – PRE-ARRIVAL SERVICES

You can get **free in-person and online** services, if:

- **IRCC (Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada) approved your permanent residence application.**
- **You're currently outside Canada**
- You have one of **these documents**:
  - a letter from IRCC saying you can get pre-arrival services.
  - a confirmation of permanent residence letter.
  - a passport request letter that indicates permanent resident visa issuance.
  - a letter from IRCC asking for your medical exam results.
  - a single-entry permanent resident visa.
  - a letter from IRCC letting you know you can pick up your permanent resident visa.

**Free newcomer services**: experienced settlement professionals can help you to:

- Look for a job
- Get a language assessment
- Register for language classes
- Find a place to live
- Sign up your kids for school
- Learn about community services

**Pre-arrival services** can help you to:

- prepare for your move to Canada.
- get your education, work experience and credentials recognized in Canada.
- connect with employers to find a job.
- connect with free services after you arrive in Canada.

You can access all of the services that we fund for free.

### **Connexions Francophones**

Connexions Francophones provides services in person in Morocco as well as online services on a global scale. If you wish to live in a francophone community in Canada, Connexions francophones can provide you with:

- Information and guidance
- Referral to local francophone organizations
- Assessment of your needs
- Personalized settlement plan with other links to resources in Canada.

\*Note: You **can't** get pre-arrival services if you're coming to Canada for a short time. For example, **temporary residents** visiting, studying or working in Canada on a visa or permit don't qualify for pre-arrival services.



**DESTINATION**  
**Canada**  
MOBILITY FORUM

## **Destination Canada Tourism**

**Online Job Fair – Tourism – Hospitality - Culinary  
November 13, 14 and 15, 2024**

Registration from September 23, 2024:

<https://destinationcanadatourisme2024.vfairs.com>

## **Destination Canada Mobility Forum**

**Paris (France), February 14 and 15, 2025**

**Douala (Cameroun), February 18, 19 and 20, 2025**

**Online, March 3, 4 and 5, 2025**

This forum is a must-see event to prepare your temporary and permanent move to Canada.

Participating in Destination Canada Mobility Forum will give you the opportunity to:

- talk with representatives from Canadian provinces and territories as well as from regions and municipalities
- Build a francophone support network
- Get prepared for the labour market
- Get connected with employers
- Build your Canadian network!

Registration from December 2024

Newsletter DestCan : <http://bit.ly/DestCanInfo>

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## USEFUL LINKS

[Embassy of Canada in France](#)

[Embassies and consulates of Canada abroad](#)

[Destination Canada Mobility Forum](#)

[Destination Canada Newsletter subscription](#)

[COVID-19: Travel, testing and borders](#)

[Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada](#)

[Electronic Travel Authorisation \(ETA\)](#)

[Biometrics](#)

[Come to Canada](#)

[International Experience Canada](#)

[Government of Canada](#)

[Ministère de l'Immigration, de la Francisation et de l'Intégration – Gouvernement du Québec](#)

[Tourism Canada](#)

### STUDYING IN CANADA

[Studying in Canada](#)

[Universities Canada](#)

[Association des Collèges et Universités de la francophonie canadienne](#)

[Languages Canada](#)

[Credentials assessment](#)

[Education in Canada's provinces and territories](#)

[The Canadian Information Centre for International Credentials](#)

[Fédération nationale des conseils scolaires francophones](#)

### YOUTH MOBILITY

[International Experience Canada \(IEC\)](#)

[Recognized organizations for foreign youth - IEC](#)

[List of recognized organizations](#)

[Aquarius Abroad \(Jobs/internships\)](#)

[My Internship Abroad](#)

[Pvtistes.net](#)

### WORKING IN CANADA

[Job Bank](#)

[Job Bank: Looking for work in Canada ?](#) (Foreign candidates from outside Canada)

[National Occupational Classification \(NOC\) Matrix – NOC 2021](#)

[“Planning to Work in Canada?” guide](#)

Job Sites

[www.etalentcanada.ca](#)

[www.monster.ca](#)

[www.workopolis.com](#)

[www.canadajobs.com](#)

[www.jobboom.com](#)

[www.indeed.com](#)

[www.careerbeacon.com](#)

[Employment and Social Development Canada](#)

[www.jobimpact.ca](#)

[Engineers Canada](#)

[Job Bank: Regulated Professions](#)

[World Association of Public Employment Services](#)

### PREPARING FOR THE JOB SEARCH

[Job Bank: Build a professional resume](#)

[Job Bank: Job search advice](#)

### LANGUAGE TESTS

#### Approved French language tests

France Education International : [TCF Canada](#)

Le Français des Affaires (CCI Paris) : [TEF Canada](#)

#### Approved English language tests

[CELPIP](#)

British Council : [IELTS](#)

[Pearson-PTE](#)

**LIVING IN FRENCH**

[Francophone Immigration](#)

[Fédération des Communautés francophones et acadienne](#)

[Réseau de développement économique et d'employabilité \(RDÉE\)](#)

**START A BUSINESS**

[Start au business in Canada](#)

[Passeport entrepreneurial Canada-Rdée Canada](#)

[Canada business and Industry](#)

**LIVING IN CANADA**

[Get to know Canada](#)

[Housing information for newcomers to Canada](#)

[Canada Mortgage and Housing Commission](#)

**Rental and house sharing**

[Kijiji](#)

[Craigslist](#)

[Canada Customs](#)

[Importing animals and food](#)

[Driving licences](#)

[Taxes](#)

[Benefits and Services](#)

[Social Insurance Number \(SIN\)](#)

[Health Canada](#)