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As of the dates below, citizens of these countries and territory have to give their biometrics (fingerprints and photograph) within 30 days of when they submit an application for a [visitor visa](#), [study permit](#), or [work permit](#).

List of countries and effective dates

Country	Effective date
Afghanistan	December 11, 2013
Albania	October 23, 2013
Algeria	October 23, 2013
Bangladesh	December 11, 2013
Burma (Myanmar)	December 11, 2013
Cambodia	December 11, 2013
Colombia	September 4, 2013
Democratic Republic of Congo	October 23, 2013
Egypt	December 11, 2013
Eritrea	October 23, 2013
Haiti	September 4, 2013
Iran	December 11, 2013
Iraq	December 11, 2013
Jamaica	September 4, 2013
Jordan	December 11, 2013
Laos	December 11, 2013
Lebanon	December 11, 2013
Libya	October 23, 2013
Nigeria	October 23, 2013
Pakistan	December 11, 2013
Palestinian Authority	December 11, 2013
Saudi Arabia	October 23, 2013
Somalia	October 23, 2013
South Sudan	October 23, 2013
Sri Lanka	December 11, 2013

Sudan	October 23, 2013
Syria	December 11, 2013
Tunisia	October 23, 2013
Vietnam	December 11, 2013
Yemen	December 11, 2013

EXEMPTIONS:

If you are from one of the countries or territories above, you do not need to give your biometrics to visit Canada if you are:

- under 14 or over 79 years old
- already in Canada and are eligible to apply for a visitor (temporary resident) visa, study permit or work permit at an office in Canada.

If you apply for a visitor visa, study permit or work permit, you will have to pay an application fee. You will also need to pay a biometric fee of \$85 CAD per person. Families applying together for a visitor visa will pay a maximum biometric fee of up to \$170 CAD.

If you apply in person at a Visa Application Centre (VAC), the biometric fee covers the cost of collecting your biometrics and handling your application. This includes making sure your application is complete, sending it to the visa office and telling you when your passport or travel documents have been sent back.

If you apply online:

CIC will send you a biometric instruction letter by email when we receive your application. Read this letter, print a copy and bring it, along with your passport or other travel document, to a [visa application centre \(VAC\)](#) to give your biometrics.

If you submit a paper application by mail or in person to a Visa application Centre (VAC):

- **You must give your biometrics at the same VAC where you apply.** VAC staff will check that your application is complete and will confirm that you have paid the correct fees before you can give your biometrics.
- The VAC will also send your paper application to the visa office.

If you submit a paper application to a Visa Office (VO):

- When the visa office gets your application, it will send you a biometric instruction letter. Read this letter and then bring it, along with your passport or other travel documents, to a Visa Application Centre (VAC) to give your biometrics.

When you arrive in Canada, a CBSA border services officer will use your biometrics to verify that you are the same person the visa was given to.

Need more advice or help with your application?

*Please email our Regulated Canadian Immigration Consultant, Agata Rebisz, located at **Global Village Vancouver**, 888 Cambie Street, and arrange for consultation in person or by phone, skype or email. arebisz@gvenGLISH.com*



*The consultation charge is CND \$70.00 + 5% GST tax per 30 minutes (minimum charge).
A rebate of up to CND \$125 will be applied to the registration fee if the client enrolls in courses at GV
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