

## VISA REFUSAL – MOST COMMON REASONS FOR VISITORS/ STUDENTS AND WORKERS



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If visa officer is not satisfied that you meet the requirements of the Act and the Regulations for one or more reasons explained below, the officer will refuse the application.

1. *The visa officer is not convinced that you will leave Canada at the end of your stay as a temporary resident.*

In reaching this decision, the visa officer considers several factors, including:

- Your history of having contravened the conditions of admission on a previous stay in Canada
  - Your travel history
  - Your immigration status
  - Your family ties in Canada and in your country of residence
  - Length of proposed stay in Canada
  - Purpose of visit
  - Limited employment prospects in your country of residence
  - Your current employment situation
  - Your personal assets and financial status
  - Whether you have a legitimate business purpose in Canada
  - Whether it appears to you have truthfully answered all questions put to you
2. The visa officer is not convinced you have *sufficient funds*, including income or assets, to carry out your stated purpose for going to Canada, pay for your needs in Canada, and pay for your departure.
  3. The visa officer does not have *sufficient documentation* which discloses your/ your host's income and assets.
  4. You have made an application for Temporary Resident Visa in the *transit visitor category*. As you are planning to remain in Canada longer than 48 weeks, you don't meet the requirements of this category. You must make an application for a Temporary Resident Visa in the visitor category and pay the associated cost recovery fees.
  5. You have submitted documentation which *lacks authenticity* as part of your application. This has diminished the overall credibility of your submission.
  6. *You have not complied with our request for information*, as per section 16(1) of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act. To date, you have failed to comply with our request for:
    - Completion of medical examination
    - An Interview
    - The following documents: .....

**What Criteria Support a Strong Case For a Temporary Resident Visa?**

In order to be successful when applying for a temporary resident visa there are several criteria that CIC officials will be looking at, including; your travel history to and from Canada, your family ties and your ability to support yourself here in Canada without working.

### **You've traveled to and from Canada appropriately in the past**

It is a boost to your credibility if, in the past, you've entered Canada and left within the time you were authorized to stay with no difficulty. Not having a travel history CANNOT be a reason for denying a visa.

### **If you have strong ties to your home country**

CIC will compare the strength of the ties to your native country and to Canada to see which one has the strongest ties for you. For granting a TEMPORARY Visa, officials like to see that you have a strong motivation to leave Canada once your visa is expired. Having a spouse and/or children living in Canada is considered a strong bias AGAINST granting the visa as the assumption is you are at a greater risk to stay in Canada once your visa is expired.

Your application will be based on YOUR behavior and choices, not your family's. For instance; if your brother came to Canada in the past as a visitor and stayed illegally, that should not be a factor to deny your application to enter Canada.

### **You can afford your stay in Canada without needing to work**

You are not allowed to work in Canada while here on a visitor's visa. Providing original documentation from a financial institution showing your personal assets and financial status in both your home country and Canada to demonstrate you do not need to work to support yourself while visiting is very positive.

When an application for a temporary resident visa, work permit or study permit is assessed, the applicant's general financial situation is taken into account. You must therefore submit proof of your own financial situation. If you are financially dependent on someone, you should provide a letter from your parents explaining your relationship, along with proof of that person's financial situation.

### **Documents which supports your stay in Canada**

It is recommended that you indicate that you plan to return to your home country after your studies are complete. Do **not** apply with *dual intent*, meaning that you're applying for a study permit and to become a permanent resident at the same time. Be aware that some countries require proof of payment before you can obtain a study permit. Your confirmation of enrollment letter (LOA) from GV Vancouver will indicate your start date as well as your expected date of program completion. The payment's receipt can be helpful too.

#### ***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 a consultation in person or by phone, skype or email. [arebisz@qvenGLISH.com](mailto:arebisz@qvenGLISH.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 Vancouver.*



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