

Changes to the International Student Program - CANADA

Designated Learning Institutions list

To apply for a study permit after June 1, 2014, students need a letter of acceptance from a designated learning institution. In addition, they need to identify the institution by number on the study permit application form. The number begins with the letter "O". The DLI#'s for the Global Village English Centres in Canada are as follows:

- Vancouver: No. O19330822902
- Toronto: No. O19517085782
- Calgary: No. O18761476312
- Victoria: No. O19319050762

Applying from within Canada

If an individual is in Canada as a visitor and wishes to apply for a study permit to attend a designated learning institution, s/he may be able to do so from within Canada. As of June 1, 2014, certain foreign nationals may apply for and receive a study permit from within Canada. These include:

- minor children studying at the primary or secondary level;
- exchange or visiting students; and
- students who have completed a short- term course or program of study that is a condition for acceptance at a designated institution.

To apply for a study permit, the applicant is not required to leave Canada. It is now possible to apply either online or by paper, even if the applicant initially came to Canada as a visitor.

The applicant must also meet the standard eligibility criteria for a study permit.

♣ S/he must prove that s/he has enough money to pay for:

- tuition fees;
- living expenses for her/himself and any family members who come with her/him to Canada; and
- return transportation for her/himself and any family members who come with her/him to Canada and additionally:

- Applicant must be a law-abiding citizen with no criminal record and not be a risk to the security of Canada. She/he may have to provide a police certificate.
- Applicant must be in good health and willing to undergo a medical examination, if necessary.
- Applicant must satisfy an immigration officer that she/he will leave Canada at the end of her/his authorized stay.

Six months or less of study

A study permit is not needed if an individual wants to take short-term courses or programs of study of six months or less. S/he may enroll in short-term programs at any learning institution, regardless of whether or not it is designated.

We highly recommend Global Village schools for study programs of all durations. If, however, a student would like to get a study permit for studies of six months or less, she/he must attend a designated learning institution.

If the student is from a non-visa-exempt country, he/she must have a valid visitor visa.

As of June 1, 2014, all study permit holders in Canada need to **actively pursue** studies. This means that:

- if a student holds a study permit, s/he must remain enrolled and make reasonable and timely progress towards completing her/his program; and
- failing to do so could lead to her/his removal from Canada.

A student's educational institution will report to CIC on her/his continued enrolment and academic status. A student may also be asked by an immigration officer to provide evidence of her/his continued enrolment and academic status.

Validity of a new study permit

Under the current rules, the study permit becomes invalid 90 days after the student has completed her/his study program. If s/he switches to a shorter-term program or finish her/his studies early, her/his study permit will expire 90 days after her/his study program has been completed. Her/his program is considered complete when the student receives written notification of program completion (for example, a transcript or an official letter from a GV School) or once s/he obtains her/his degree, diploma or certificate. This does not apply to the student if her/his study permit application was received before June 1, 2014, or if s/he was issued a study permit before June 1, 2014.

Transferring between schools

If a student applies for a study permit, s/he must notify CIC via her/his MyCIC account when s/he is transferring from one designated learning institution to another, even if it is at the same level of study.

Working and studying

If a student is studying English or French as a second language (ESL/FSL), or participating in general interest or preparatory courses, s/he will not be eligible to work during her/his studies, unless s/he becomes eligible to apply for a work permit with a positive Labour Market Impact Assessment (LMIA) from Employment and Social Development Canada.

For more information on the Visa and Immigration Services Provided at GV (as well as regular updates), please see the following link:

http://www.gvenglish.com/Visa_Services.html#news