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**VISA INFORMATION**



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- Holders of a foreign passport will either require a Temporary resident visa (TRV) or an Electronic Travel Authorization, to enter Canada.
- To find out if you need a TRV or eTA to travel to Canada, see: [Find out if you need a visa to travel to Canada](#).
- [Click here](#) to learn which countries require travellers to have visas when entering Canada.

### Visa Processing Times

The processing times for visa applications posted online are historical, meaning they're measured based on how long it took to process 80% of applications in the past six to eight weeks. As a result, processing times maybe different than those posted online at the time of application submission. Participants are strongly encouraged to apply as early as possible ahead of their departure date in order to allow sufficient time for their application to be processed and if approved, subsequent visa issuance in their passport.

- If you require an ETA, use the following link: [Electronic Travel Authorization \(eTA\): How to apply - Canada.ca](#)
- If you require a visa, you must apply online through the IRCC Secure Network.





## How to Apply:

1. Apply for your visitor visa through your IRCC secure account. You will be prompted to either sign in using your GCKey user ID and password, or through a Sign-in partner. If you don't already have an account, you can create one by clicking "Register" under the "Don't have an account?" section.

Once you are signed in you will be prompted to answer a series of questions to determine your eligibility to apply for a visa. If you are eligible to apply for a visa, you will be prompted to complete the visa application form (IMM 5257).

## Please take note of the following item when completing your visa application form:

**IMPORTANT:** Tag your visa application (Form IMM 5257) with the special event code. In the "Details of Visit to Canada" section, select: "Other." For question "1a) Purpose of my visit," enter the special event code (24IISE) into the free text box in "1b) Other."

Biometrics

2. If you are required to complete biometrics you will be issued a Biometrics Instructions Letter (BIL). Please schedule your appointment as soon as you receive your BIL.

You must complete your biometrics before IRCC can start to process your application.



For information on whether or not you must provide biometrics, please refer to our [fast facts about Biometrics](#).

## Passport

Check your application status by visiting: [Check your application status – Immigration and citizenship – Canada.ca](#)

If your visa application is approved you will receive a letter instructing you to submit your passport to the closest [Visa Application Centre](#) (VAC) through mail or courier.

**Note you will not be able to enter Canada without having your visa affixed to your passport.**

## Need Help?

Refer to the [guide](#) for information on how to complete your application (IMM 5257).

For further assistance, see the [Help Centre](#) or complete the [web form](#).

## Paper Application (IMM 5257)

You are invited to submit a paper application only if you meet one of the following criteria:

- You cannot apply online because of a disability.
- You are travelling with an identity or travel document that was issued to a refugee, a stateless person, or a non-citizen.

## How to Apply

Read the instruction guide for details on how to apply by paper.

Select your country/territory from the drop down menu for instructions on how to prepare and submit your application to your local visa office.