

Temporary Resident Visa/Entry Visa (TRV)

Your Temporary Resident Visa or Entry Visa allows you to enter Canada. You must make sure that your TRV is valid every time you leave and enter the country. Do not travel until you have a valid document.

Do I need a TRV?

Citizens from certain countries require a visa in order to seek permission to enter Canada. To find out whether you need one, please visit the Citizenship and Immigration Canada website: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp>.

Entering Canada after a visit solely to the United States

If you are visiting the United States **only** and you wish to return back to Canada you may re-enter Canada without a valid TRV only if you have a valid study permit, passport **and** you will return to Canada BEFORE the end of your approved stay in Canada. Also, your valid study permit MUST have been issued BEFORE you left Canada for your United States visit. If you need to return to Canada and you do not have a valid Canadian TRV you are advised to print out the Regulation S190 from the Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations to show to the Canadian visa officer on your return: <http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/sor-2002-227/page-80.html>). Specifically, you may show to the officer Regulation S190(3)(f).

My TRV has expired but I need to travel and I don't have time to apply in Canada

If you need to travel unexpectedly you may be able to apply for a TRV in your home country. Make sure that you take the supporting documents with you and verify the instructions for your region from the IRCC website. Please note that if your application for a TRV is refused in your home country you may not be able to return to Canada. **Do not travel without consulting an advisor.**

Before you begin:

Make sure that you have collected all the supporting documents:

- Confirmation of Enrolment Letter from Okanagan College – request using the webpage: www.okanagan.bc.ca/intedconfirmation, OR using the Okanagan College iCent app, available for FREE download on 'Google Play' or 'App Store' – may take up to 10 business days processing time
- Official** transcript – this can be requested from your myOkanagan account (involves CAD \$10.00 fee)
- Digital photo meeting the requirements explained here: <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/application/application-forms-guides/temporary-resident-visa-application-photograph-specifications.html>
- Passport with more than 6 months' validity – passport must have at least one blank page other than the last page available in each passport
- Copy of your valid study permit
- Copy of your marriage certificate or license (if applicable)
- Application fee (CAD \$100.00 – subject to change)
- Credit card or debit card for the application fee
- If you're currently working on your post-graduate work permit, include:
 - Employment letter from your employer (as proof of current employment)
 - Copy of your work permit

Please note: you may be required to provide additional supporting documents, and all documents to be in English or French.

Applying Online

Step 1: Request your Confirmation of Enrolment Letter and Transcript

Complete and submit your Confirmation of Enrolment Letter request from the International Education Office (E110). You can order your official transcript directly from your MyOkanagan account.

Step 2: Create your personal checklist using IRCC online services

Visit the IRCC website and complete the Come to Canada wizard: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/ctc-vac/getting-started.asp>. After you finish answering all questions, the system will generate 'personal reference code' along with several steps. Read and follow these steps carefully.

Step 3: Scan and attach all supporting documents

Scan your documents to your computer and attach them to your online application. If you do not have a scanner, you can use the scanner in the Library. The overall size of each file to upload needs to be less than four (4) MB. You may use Adobe Acrobat to reduce file size. Alternatively, you may print out the documents and scan them at a lower resolution (not below 250 dpi).

Step 4: Pay the application fee and submit your application.

You can pay the application fee using your Canadian credit or debit card.

Step 5: Wait for IRCC to request your passport

If your application is complete, IRCC will request your passport. Make sure to check you online MyCIC and your email regularly for this message. Do not mail your passport to IRCC until you have been asked to do so.

Step 7: Send your passport

Buy two (2) prepaid 24 x 32 cm Canada Post Xpresspost envelopes. Fold one of the envelopes in half and put it inside the second envelope. Put your passport in the second envelope as well and mail it to the address specified by IRCC in your confirmation email. Make sure that you write down the tracking number for both envelopes so that you can trace your application. IRCC will mail your passport back to you. You can track your passport using Canada Post mail: www.canadapost.ca.

