

Visitors In Canada Applying for a Study Permit



Generally, you must apply for a study permit before you come to Canada. Only some people can apply for a study permit from inside Canada. If you are in Canada as a visitor, you can only apply for a study permit in two ways:

1. Apply for a study permit as though you are outside Canada.

- You must follow the instructions for applications made outside of Canada, even though you are physically in Canada.
- You will need to meet all admissions requirements at the time of your application to the program at Algonquin College.
- In the IRCC online tools, choose your country of citizenship when you are asked for your current country or territory of residence.
 - If you are in Canada, use your Canadian address.
- If your application is approved by IRCC, you will get an approval letter that says you are allowed to study in Canada.
 - This letter is called the port of entry letter of introduction.
- Once you have this letter, you must leave Canada and ask to get your study permit at the Port of Entry on return to Canada.
- You cannot start your program until you have a study permit. You are responsible to maintain a legal status in Canada while waiting for your study permit.

2. Apply for a study permit after completing a prerequisite program

- You would apply for conditional acceptance to English for Academic Purposes (EAP) plus an academic program and apply for a study permit from within Canada after completing the EAP program which is considered a prerequisite course.
- For your study permit application, you will need to submit your EAP completion letter AND your conditional acceptance letter to the academic program stating EAP as a prerequisite for admission.
- Please note that you cannot study EAP longer than 6 months on a visitor visa.
- You cannot start your program until you have a study permit. You are responsible to maintain a legal status in Canada while waiting for your study permit.

****If you are from a country where English is the official primary language, you can apply for an Academic program only.*

For more information visit, algonquincollege.com/international

How to Apply to Algonquin College

To ensure your application to Algonquin College has the best chance of success, follow our simple steps.

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1. Confirm your program is open
2. Review Admissions Requirements
3. Review Visa/Study Permit/ Work Requirements
4. Start the online Application process
5. Review Letter of Acceptance (LOA)
6. Pay your Fees
7. Apply for a Visa/Study/Work Permit
8. Register and attend International Student Orientation
9. Arrange for travel/airport pick up

More information about IRCC instructions for visitors can be found in the following links:

canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/publications-manuals/operational-bulletins-manuals/temporary-residents/study-permits/making-application.html#InCanada

canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada/study-permit/apply.html

To check if you are eligible to apply from within Canada:

canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada/study-permit/apply.html

Select “Inside Canada” to see the list of eligible situations.