Canada Visitor, Student & Worker Visa Prep Checklist

For Applicants Outside Canada

Choose the Right Visa Type

- [] Visitor Visa (Tourism, Family Visit)
- [] Study Permit
- [] Work Permit
- [] Super Visa (for parents/grandparents, if applicable)

Documents for All Temporary Resident Visas

- [] Valid passport (at least 6 months validity)
- [] Digital passport-size photo (per IRCC specs)
- [] Completed IMM 5257 form (Application for TRV)
- [] Proof of funds (bank statements, pay slips, sponsor letter)
- [] Travel itinerary or flight reservation
- [] Ties to home country (job letter, family, lease, etc.)
- [] Visa application fee (paid online)
- [] Biometrics fee (if required)
- [] Medical exam (if staying 6+ months or required)
- [] Police clearance (if required)

Additional for Visitors

- [] Invitation letter from family/friend in Canada
- [] Proof of their legal status in Canada
- [] Reason for visit clearly stated
- [] Hotel bookings or place you'll stay

Additional for Study Permit

- [] Letter of acceptance from a Designated Learning Institution (DLI)
- [] Proof of tuition payment (receipt or statement)
- [] Proof of sufficient funds for tuition and living expenses
- [] Study plan/letter of explanation
- [] IELTS/TOEFL scores (if required by school)

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Additional for Work Permit

- [] Job offer letter from Canadian employer
- [] LMIA (Labour Market Impact Assessment) or LMIA-exempt proof
- [] Employment contract
- [] Resume/CV
- [] Letter explaining purpose of work in Canada

After You Apply

- [] Create an IRCC account to track status
- [] Upload additional documents if requested
- [] Watch for biometrics & medical instructions
- [] Keep checking your email regularly
- [] Wait for passport request (PPR) and submit passport

Bonus Tips

- [] Apply early-some countries take over 500 days!
- [] Make sure all documents are clear and translated if needed
- [] Review everything before submitting to avoid delays or refusal

Canada Visa Interview Cheat Sheet

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1. Documents to Bring

- Valid passport (and any old passports with visas or travel history)
- Visa application confirmation and fee receipt
- Letter of Invitation (for visitors)
- Acceptance letter from school (for students)
- Job offer and LMIA (for workers)
- Proof of financial support (bank statements, sponsor letter)
- Photocopies of key documents (passport bio page, visa forms)
- Biometrics or medical exam proof (if applicable)

2. Common Questions to Expect

- Why do you want to go to Canada?
- How long do you plan to stay?
- Do you have friends or family in Canada?
- What ties you to your home country?
- How will you support yourself financially?
- What will you do when your visa expires?
- Why did you choose this school/job?
- Can you show your return flight booking (if applicable)?

3. Tips for the Interview

- Dress neatly and arrive early.
- Answer confidently, but honestly.
- Speak clearly and stay calm-even if they repeat a question.
- Bring a printed copy of everything you submitted online.
- Have a clear reason for returning to your home country.
- Don't volunteer extra info unless asked.
- Be respectful-first impressions matter!

Bonus Tip

- Practice your answers aloud with a friend before your interview day. It will help you stay calm and sound

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