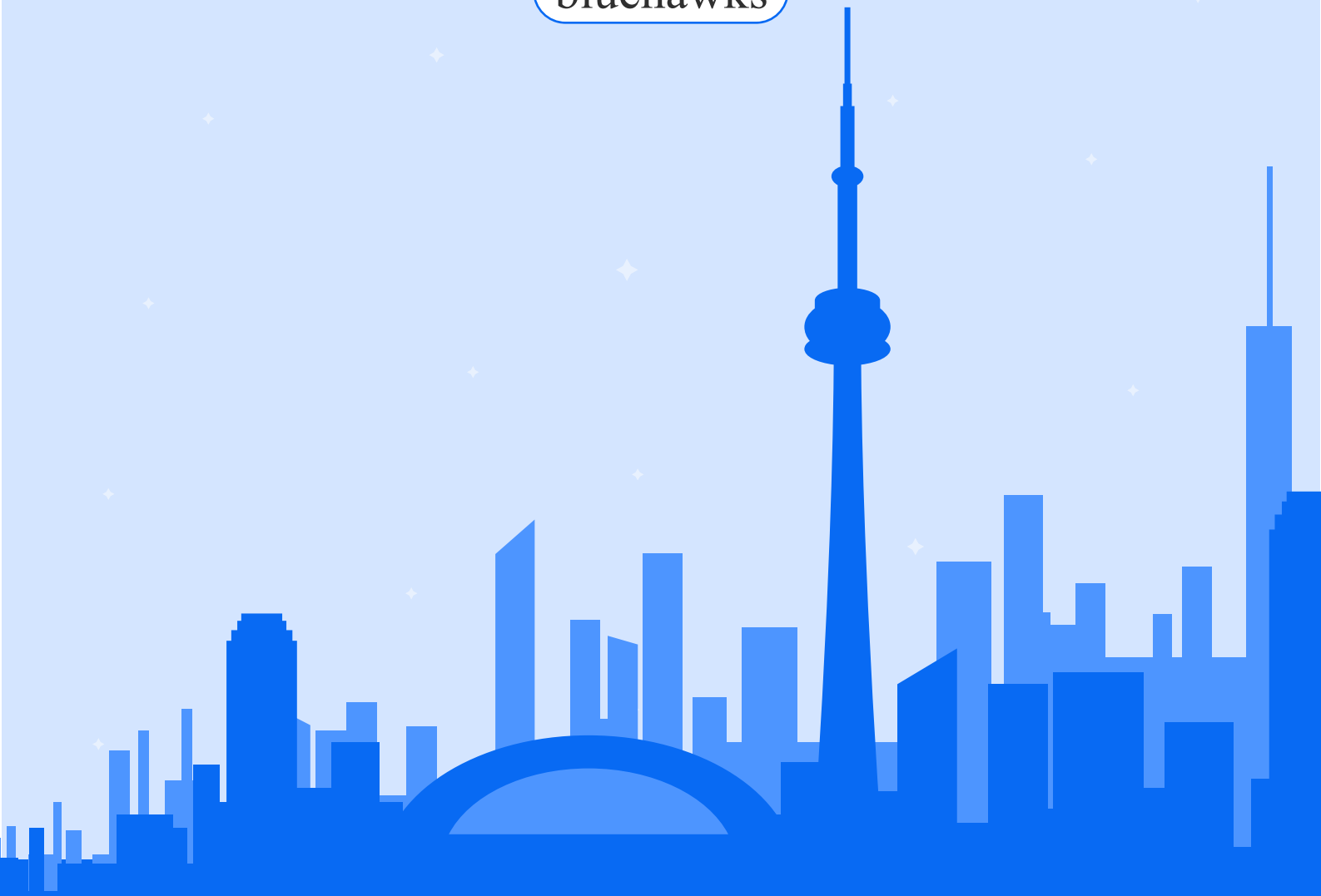


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# Study in Canada

# Introduction

Welcome to Canada, the largest country in the Western Hemisphere and the second largest in the world, surpassed only by Russia. Sharing its border with just one country, the United States of America, Canada is known for its vast landscapes and breathtaking natural beauty.

Despite its expansive territory, Canada boasts a population density of just 4 people per square kilometer, with a total population of 38 million. Remarkably, almost 82% of Canadians reside in urban areas, making the country's cities vibrant hubs of activity and culture.

The Canadian federation is composed of 10 provinces and 3 territories, each offering unique experiences and opportunities. With two official languages, English and French, Canada embraces bilingualism and celebrates its rich cultural diversity.

Canada prides itself on a staggering literacy rate of 99%, one of the highest in the world. This emphasis on education makes it an ideal destination for international students seeking high-quality academic experiences.

As a country renowned for its inclusivity and multiculturalism, Canada has been consistently ranked by the United Nations as one of the best places to live and work. The welcoming atmosphere, coupled with world-class educational institutions, makes Canada an exceptional choice for your studies.

Discover the possibilities and embark on an educational journey in one of the most beautiful and dynamic countries in the world. Welcome to Canada!

# Why Canada?

- 1. Quality Education at Affordable Costs:** Canada offers world-class education at renowned institutions with affordable tuition fees compared to other major study destinations. Students also enjoy a high quality of life with reasonable living expenses.
- 2. Rich Multicultural Society:** Experience Canada's diverse and inclusive society. The country is known for its welcoming environment and high quality of life, making it an ideal place for international students to live and learn.
- 3. Permanent Residency Opportunities:** Canada provides excellent pathways to Permanent Residency (PR) for international students, offering promising prospects for a future in a welcoming and prosperous country.
- 4. Resilience During Covid-19:** In 2020, despite the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic, Canada issued 130,000 study permits to Indian students, demonstrating its commitment to international education.
- 5. Work While Studying:** International students in Canada can work up to 20 hours per week during school terms and more than 20 hours per week during holidays, allowing them to gain valuable work experience and manage their finances.

# Application Process

- 1. Explore Courses:** Begin by researching the courses offered by Canadian universities in your desired field of study.
- 2. Select a University:** Choose a university that aligns with your academic goals, preferences, and aspirations.
- 3. Be Mindful of Deadlines:** Stay informed about application deadlines, especially for competitive courses or institutions. Some programs may have earlier deadlines, so it's crucial to plan ahead.
- 4. Assess Qualifications:** Understand how your current qualifications align with the requirements of the Canadian education system. Most universities provide resources to help international students determine the equivalency of their qualifications, allowing you to accurately gauge your eligibility for admission.
- 5. English Language Proficiency:** Demonstrate your English language proficiency by taking an approved language test, such as IELTS, DET, TOEFL, or PTE Academic. Ensure you take the test at a recognized test center to meet visa requirements.
- 6. Prepare Your Application:** Gather the necessary documents for your application, whether applying directly to the university or through an agent:
  - **Education History:** Provide details of your academic background, including certificates, diplomas, and transcripts.
  - **References:** Obtain references from a teacher or employer to support your application.
  - **Personal Statement:** Craft a compelling personal statement outlining your motivation for choosing the course and university, as well as your future plans.
  - **Language Test Results:** Include your language test results to demonstrate your English language proficiency.

# English Proficiency Tests

Canada maintains high standards for English proficiency, ensuring that international students can effectively engage with coursework and excel in their academic endeavors. Prior to applying to Canadian universities, it's essential to demonstrate proficiency in the English language through recognized tests.

The International English Language Testing System (IELTS) is widely recognized and accepted by Canadian universities as a standard measure of English proficiency. Additionally, universities in Canada may also accept other proficiency tests, such as the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), Pearson Test of English (PTE), and the Duolingo English Test (DET).

Each test assesses various language skills and offers alternative methods for showcasing English proficiency. Below are the average minimum scores typically required for each accepted English proficiency test by Canadian universities:

English Proficiency Test	Average Minimum Score
IELTS	6.0
TOEFL	70-100
PTE	52+
Duolingo Test	100

# Student Direct Stream

## Faster Visa Processing with SDS

Under normal circumstances, obtaining a student visa for Canada can take anywhere between 90 to 120 days for citizens of other countries. However, Indian students can benefit from a special provision called the Student Direct Stream (SDS). The SDS program offers expedited visa processing, reducing the time to just 20 calendar days, provided that certain conditions are met.

## Conditions for SDS Visa Processing

To qualify for the SDS visa processing time of 20 calendar days, Indian students must fulfill the following conditions:

### Admission Requirements

- **Full-Time Study Program:** Students must have an admission offer in a full-time study program at a Designated Learning Institute (DLI) in Canada.

### Language Proficiency

- **IELTS Score:** Students must achieve an overall IELTS band score of 6.5, with no individual band score below 6.0 in each of the four modules (listening, reading, writing, and speaking).

### Financial Requirements

- **Guaranteed Investment Certificate (GIC):** Students must purchase a Guaranteed Investment Certificate (GIC) of \$10,200 CAD. This amount is intended to cover living expenses for the first year of their stay in Canada.
- **Tuition Fees:** Proof of payment for the first year's tuition fees is required.

## Health Requirements

- **Medical Examination:** Students must complete a medical examination at least one week before submitting their visa application. This ensures that all health-related documentation is processed in time.

By meeting these conditions, Indian students can take advantage of the SDS program to expedite their student visa processing and start their studies in Canada more quickly. This streamlined process is designed to make the transition to studying in Canada as smooth and efficient as possible.

# Post Study Opportunities

Canada offers excellent post-study opportunities for international students. After completing your studies, you can obtain an Open Post-Study Work Permit, allowing you to gain valuable work experience. This experience can lead to Permanent Residency (PR) through various programs. Explore how your Canadian education can pave the way for a successful and long-term future in Canada.

## Open Post-Study Work Permit

### 1-Year Study Program

Upon completion of a 1-year study program at a Canadian institution, you will be eligible for a 1-year Open Post-Study Work Permit. This permit allows you to work in Canada and gain valuable professional experience in your field of study.

### 2-Year Study Program

If you complete a 2-year study program, you will be eligible for a 3-year Open Post-Study Work Permit. This extended work permit provides a longer period to gain significant work experience and establish your career in Canada.

## Pathway to Permanent Residency (PR)

### Work Experience Requirement

After completing 1 year of full-time work (equivalent to 1,560 hours) under your Open Post-Study Work Permit, you become eligible to apply for Permanent Residency (PR) in Canada. This work experience is a crucial step towards securing your future in Canada.



## PR Application Options

You can apply for Permanent Residency through several programs:

- **Federal Skilled Worker (FSW):** This program is designed for individuals with skilled work experience and strong language proficiency.
- **Canadian Experience Class (CEC):** This program is tailored for individuals who have gained skilled work experience in Canada and wish to transition to permanent residency.
- **Provincial Nominee Program (PNP):** Each province in Canada has its own nominee program, allowing provinces to nominate individuals who meet specific local labor market needs.

By taking advantage of these post-study opportunities, you can build a rewarding career in Canada and potentially make it your permanent home.

# Documents Required

- Passport (Front and back page)
- Recent Photos with white background
- Xth Mark sheet
- XIIth mark sheet & School leaving certificate
- Diploma/Bachelor's/Master's Mark sheet , Degree Certificate and transcripts (which ever applicable)
- Backlog certificate (If applicable)
- Test Scores (IELTS/DET/PTE/TOEFL/GRE/GMAT/SAT)
- Latest resume/ CV (if applicable)
- Statement of Purpose (SOP)
- 2-3 Academic Letter of Recommendations
- Work experience / Recommendation letter (if applicable)
- Bank Letter for Finances (as per requirement)
- Affidavit of Financial Support (if applicable)
- Additional Documents (if applicable)

# FAQ

## 1. Why should I choose Canada for my studies?

Canada offers high-quality education, affordable tuition fees, a multicultural society, and excellent post-study opportunities, including pathways to Permanent Residency (PR).

## 2. What is the Student Direct Stream (SDS)?

The SDS is a fast-track visa processing program for Indian students, offering visa approval within 20 calendar days if specific conditions are met, such as having an admission offer, meeting English proficiency standards, purchasing a Guaranteed Investment Certificate (GIC), and paying the first year's tuition fees.

## 3. Can I work while studying in Canada?

Yes, international students can work up to 20 hours per week during school terms and full-time during holidays.

## 4. What is an Open Post-Study Work Permit?

An Open Post-Study Work Permit allows graduates to work in Canada after completing their studies. The permit duration depends on the length of the study program: 1-year of study grants a 1-year work permit, while 2 years of study grants a 3-year work permit.

## 5. What are the living expenses in Canada for international students?

Living expenses vary by city and lifestyle but typically include accommodation, food, transportation, health insurance, and personal expenses. On average, students may need between CAD 10,000 to CAD 15,000 per year.

# About bluehawks

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