

8.0 Commonly Asked Questions

We have received many questions regarding the process of immigrating to Canada. To help everyone, here are the most commonly asked questions.

1. Work Permit

How much is the cost of application for my family and me?

- Work Permit - \$ 155.00 CDN
- Study Permit - \$ 150.00 CDN
- Visitor Permit - \$ 100.00 CDN

Fees can be paid online at <https://www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/fees/index.asp>.

2. Arrival Dates

a. When should I arrive in Canada?

Your company representative will work with you to coordinate arrival dates.

3. Flights

a. Which Port of Entry will I be arriving at?

The first airport in Canada with international landing.

b. Can my family travel with me on the same flight?

Yes

c. How are the flights booked?

It is your responsibility to book your flights. Your company representative will work with you to coordinate arrival dates.

4. Personal Belongings / Property

a. Should we bring our household goods?

This is your decision. You may find it easier to sell as much as you can and purchase your furniture and other belongings in Canada. It can be quite costly to transport goods.

b. What work clothing / equipment will I require?

Our Company does not require uniforms but we do have a professional appearance policy. We will review the policy at your orientation.

Steel toed boots are required, if you do not already have a pair, these can be purchased in Canada.

5. Accommodations

a. Upon arrival, where do we stay?

A hotel room, bed & breakfast, or rental property. It may be best to arrange a temporary accommodation such as a hotel, bed and breakfast, or rental property until you are able to secure permanent accommodations. Your company representative can assist by making recommendations for hotels, bed and breakfasts, etc.

b. Who pays for the accommodations?

It is your responsibility to book and pay for your, and your family's accommodations.

c. Are there pet friendly hotels / motels?

Yes, there are pet friendly hotels/motels. Please contact the hotel regarding their policies and extra charges for pets.

6. What are the best areas to search for a home? Are there areas I should avoid?

We recommend you use a realtor. However, you are not obligated to use their services.

7. Medical Insurance

a. Do I have medical insurance?

Yes, you and your family will be covered under Provincial Health Care. However, it could take up to 30 days for your Health Care to be effective.

8. Medical

a. Do you or your family have any medical conditions that may effect your application for permanent residency?

In some cases, medical admissibility is a reason for Permanent Residency not to be granted. This applies to the applicant, the spouse and the children.

Medical conditions that would be considered a cause for concern are those likely be a danger to public safety or might reasonably be expected to cause excessive demand on the country. Examples could be Cancer or Tuberculosis.

9. Criminal Records

a. What is the effect of having a criminal record?

Neither the applicant nor their dependents can have a criminal record. Criminal and security admissibility are reasons for permanent residency not to be granted.

10. Drivers License

a. Is my Car License valid in Saskatchewan?

In most cases your car license will be valid in Saskatchewan for up to 90 days. Spouses may transfer their car license into a Saskatchewan Class 5 car license within the 90-day period for there to be no testing required.

Note: Do not change your Driver's License to Saskatchewan as this will cancel your current Class 1, which you will need to obtain your Class 1A license.

b. How do I obtain my Class 1A license?

Transport Truck Drivers require MELT training to obtain a commercial Class 1 License. You are responsible for all costs associated with successfully completing the MELT training. You will not be compensated by the Employer when you take the MELT training.

- **MELT approximately \$ 10,000 - 12,000 (ten to twelve thousand dollars Canadian)**
- **\$ 25.00 each sitting for 7 Computerized Multiple Choice Theory Exams**
 - Signs:** recognize highway signs & understand their meaning
 - Class 5:** cars, vans and 2 axle trucks
 - Class 4:** taxis, ambulances and buses having a seating capacity of 16 – 24 passengers
 - Class 3:** trucks with more than 2 axles
 - Class 2:** buses having a seating capacity in excess of 24 passengers
 - Class 1:** power units and semi-trailers and trucks
 - Air:** understand how the air brake system works – different parts of the system and what they do
- **\$ 25.00 to retake any unsuccessful test**
- **\$ 155.00 for 3 practical exams**
 - \$ 55.00 – Airbrake & Pre-Trip
 - \$ 100.00 - Road Test
- **\$ 25.00 to Validate License (\$ 15.00 to upgrade from local Class 5)**

After successful completion you will receive your Saskatchewan 1A license.

c. What is the percentage of drivers passing their Road Test?

90% of drivers have passed their Road Test on their first try.

11. Partners / Spouses / Family

a. Can my partner/spouse work the 1st year while in Canada?

Through the Federal Temporary Foreign Worker LMIA program. Your spouse is unable to work until you receive your provincial nomination. Then they are able to apply for an open work permit.

Through the province SINP program, your spouse is eligible for an open work permit when you, the principal migrant, is nominated. It is always best to verify when you arrive at the port of entry.

b. Can my family come to Canada?

Yes, through the PNP you can bring your immediate family (spouse/children) to Canada. They can also become permanent residents.

12. Education

a. Do my children need a Study Permit?

Spouses/partners must have a Study Permit if they wish to take a course that is longer than 6 months.

For more information on who requires a study permit please visit:

<http://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada/study-permit/eligibility.html>

b. How do I enrol my children (child) in school?

You should have the most current report card or transcript for each child. You are encouraged to contact the school of your choice and speak with the principal as soon as possible. The principal will be able to answer any questions you may have.

c. Am I responsible for purchasing school supplies for my children (child)?

Yes, it is the parent's responsibility to purchase school supplies for their children. Examples of school supplies that may be required are:

Pencils	Ruler	Pens	Glue	Binders	Calculator
Erasers	Markers	Crayons	Geometry Set	White Out	Gym Shoes

Please contact the school for an accurate list of supplies required.

d. Are there fees for College and University?

Yes, there are tuition and book fees for both college and university. Fees will vary depending on the post-secondary institution and course.

13. Pets

a. Can we bring our pets to Canada?

Dogs may enter Canada if accompanied by a certificate from a veterinarian of the country of origin that clearly identifies the animals and shows that:

- ✓ Rabies has not existed in that country for six months immediately preceding shipment of the animals and
- ✓ The animals have been in that country for the six-month period referred to in paragraph above or since birth.

Please check with Canadian Customs prior to arriving and travelling with your pet.

b. Do we have to license our pets?

Yes, you have to license your pet in Saskatchewan. Please contact City Hall to obtain a pet license.

14. Banks

a. How does the banking work?

If required, we can assist by making an appointment for you at a local bank.

15. Government Deductions

Income Tax: If earning a salary of \$ 60,000 - \$ 70,000, you can expect to pay up to approximately 25% - 30% in income tax and Government Deductions.

Other Government Deductions include Canada Pension Plan (CPP) and Employment Insurance (EI).

Please refer to the Government of Canada website for further information. www.canada.ca

16. Port of Entry

a. What happens at the Port of Entry?

Present your papers to the Customs Officer

- ✓ Passport
- ✓ Letter from the High Commission if arriving through the Temporary Foreign Worker LMIA program
- ✓ SINP Nomination Certificate/Support Letter if arriving through the Provincial SINP
- ✓ Certificate of Veterinarian if bringing a pet

17. Passports

Before coming to Canada please make sure that you and all your family members have at least 4 years on your passport before it expires.

18. Applying for Permanent Landed Immigrant Status

a. Is there any documentation I should prepare to bring with me?

You will be required to provide copies of Identity and Civil Status Documents. This includes:

- ✓ Copy of SINP Nomination Certificate
- ✓ Police Clearance: for applicant and spouse
- ✓ Birth Certificate: spouse and dependents if applicable
- ✓ Marriage Certificate: if applicable
- ✓ Divorce Certificate: if applicable
- ✓ Custody and maintenance documents: if applicable
- ✓ Passports – spouse and dependents: if applicable
- ✓ Three employment verification letters on official Company letterhead
- ✓ English Language Testing Assessment: applicant

Applicants, spouses and dependents will also be asked to give the details of activities during the last 10 years or since age 18 whichever period is longer. This includes all activities such as jobs held, periods of unemployment, schooling, travel, addresses, etc.

19. English Language Testing

- English Language testing is mandatory. The testing is directed towards your reading, writing, listening and speaking skills.
- A language score of at least Canadian Language Benchmark 4 is required.
- Proof of completion and a passing grade must be submitted as part of your Provincial Nomination Application.
- You must complete the exam in your home country prior to arriving in Canada.
- Keep your receipt. The Company will reimburse you for the cost of the exam.
- The following two exams are recognized:
 - ✓ **IELTS (International English language Testing System)**
 - The cost of the exam is \$ 329.00 CAD
 - The passing grade is a 4 overall
 - You can find locations of testing centers at the following link: <https://www.ielts.org/>
 - ✓ **CELPIP (Canadian English Language Proficiency Index Program)**
 - The cost of the exam is \$ 280.00 CAD plus taxes
 - The passing grade is 4
 - You can find locations of testing centers at the following link: <https://www.celpip.ca/>

20. Permanent Residence

The process will happen once you have received provincial nomination.

The fees are as followed:

A	PROCESSING FEE	Number of People	Amount per Person	Amount Due
Principal Applicant		1	x \$ 825	\$ 825
Spouse or common-law partner			x \$ 825	\$
Each dependent child 22 years and over (over-age)			x \$ 825	\$
Each dependent child under 22 years			x \$ 825	\$
Total A				

B	RIGHT OF PERMANENT RESIDENCE FEE	Number of People	Amount per Person	Amount Due
Principal Applicant		1	x \$ 500	\$ 500
Spouse or common-law partner			x \$ 500	\$
Applicant's dependent children			Not Applicable	\$
Total B				
Total A + B				

21. Finances

a. How much money must I have to relocate to Canada?

Neither the Company nor Immigration requires you to have a certain amount of money. However, you must understand that relocation can be very costly. It is your responsibility to research and budget properly. The Company will not issue cash advances under any circumstances.

If there are other questions,
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