

Student Direct Stream (SDS)

Please make sure to go through the Documentation Page for detail of the required documents that you need for Regular Stream. [Click Here for Documentations](#)

Few of Documents are additional for SDS stream. You can find the required additional documents here.

Depending on where you live, you may be able to get your study permit faster through the Student Direct Stream (SDS).

How to apply

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada/study-permit/student-direct-stream/apply.html>

To get faster processing, you must

- give your biometrics as soon as possible
- meet all the eligibility requirements

Eligibility requirements

To be eligible for faster processing through the Student Direct Stream, you must:

- be a legal resident living in 1 of the following countries:
 - Antigua and Barbuda
 - Brazil
 - China
 - Colombia
 - Costa Rica
 - India
 - Morocco
 - Pakistan
 - Peru
 - Philippines
 - Senegal
 - Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
 - Trinidad and Tobago
 - Vietnam
- have an acceptance letter from a post-secondary [designated learning institution](#)
- live outside of Canada when you apply
- have proof you have paid your tuition for your first year of study
- have a [Guaranteed Investment Certificate](#) (GIC) of CAN\$10,000

- have a Certificat d'acceptation du Québec (CAQ) from the Ministère de l'Immigration, de la Francisation et de l'Intégration
 - This is only if you're planning to study in Quebec
- get a [medical exam](#) before you apply (if you need one)
- get a [police certificate](#) before you apply (if you need one)
- have your most recent secondary or post-secondary school transcript(s)
- have a language test result that shows either:
 - an [International English Language Testing System](#) (IELTS) academic or general training score of 6.0 or higher in each skill (reading, writing, speaking and listening), or
 - a [Test d'évaluation de français \(TEF\)](#) score that is equal to a Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB) score of at least 7 in each skill (reading, writing, speaking and listening)

Depending on where you're applying from, you may also need to provide other documents. Make sure you include all the [documents required by the visa office](#) that processes your application.

We may ask you to give additional documents to support your application. In this situation, your application will take longer to process.

Who isn't eligible for the Student Direct Stream

If you live anywhere other than 1 of the countries listed above (even if you're a citizen of one of the countries above), you must apply through the [regular study permit application process](#).

If you live in another country (even if you're a citizen of one of the countries above), or if you don't meet the eligibility for faster processing, you may still be eligible for a study permit through the [regular study permit application process](#).

Proof of full payment of tuition for the applicant's first year of study

This may be in the form of the following:

- a receipt from the DLI
- an official letter from the DLI confirming payment of tuition fees
- a receipt from a bank showing that tuition fees have been paid to the DLI
- proof that the tuition fee amount has been transferred into a repository account at the DLI to be applied to the tuition bill at a later date

Guaranteed Investment Certificate (GIC)

A GIC is a Canadian investment that has a guaranteed rate of return for a fixed period of time. Many banks offer GICs. The bank that gives you the GIC must:

- confirm that you bought a GIC by giving you 1 of the following:
 - a letter of attestation
 - a GIC certificate
 - an Investment Directions Confirmation or
 - an Investment Balance Confirmation
- hold the GIC in an investment account or a student account that you can't access until you arrive in Canada
- make you confirm your identity before they release any funds to you
- release the funds to you by providing:
 - an initial lump sum once you identify yourself upon arrival in Canada
 - the remainder of the funds in monthly or bi-monthly installments over 10 to 12 months

If your bank or GIC doesn't meet these criteria, you won't be able to apply through the Student Direct Stream.

Financial institutions that offer GICs

You can get a GIC from a financial institution listed on the [Canadian Deposit Insurance Company website](#). Make sure the financial institution you choose offers a GIC and meets the criteria for the Student Direct Stream.

The following financial institutions offer GICs that meet the criteria:

- [Bank of Beijing](#)
- [Bank of China](#)
- [Bank of Montreal \(BMO\)](#)
- Bank of Xian Co. Ltd.
- [Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce \(CIBC\)](#)
- [Desjardins](#)^{Footnote.1}
- [Habib Canadian Bank](#)
- [HSBC Bank of Canada](#)
- [ICICI Bank](#)
- [Industrial and Commercial Bank of China](#)
- [RBC Royal Bank](#)
- [SBI Canada Bank](#)
- [Scotiabank](#)
- [Simplii Financial](#)
- [TD Canada Trust](#)

Medical exams and police certificates

Depending on where you're applying from, you may need to get a medical exam or police certificate. To get faster processing through the Student Direct Stream, you must include these with your application (if you need them). If you don't, we won't process your application faster.

Who needs a medical exam

You may need to get a medical exam if:

- you lived or travelled in [certain countries or territories](#) for 6 or more months in the year before you come to Canada, or
- you plan on studying or working in:
 - the health field
 - primary or secondary education, or
 - child or elder care

To get a medical exam, you must see a [doctor that has been approved by IRCC](#).

[Find out more about medical exams.](#)

Who needs a police certificate

Your visa office instructions will tell you if you need to get a police certificate. You'll find these instructions when you select your country of residence below. Make sure you read these instructions before you apply, so you know if you need a police certificate or any other documents to apply.

[Find out more about police certificates.](#)

Resources

The resources and guide have been prepared by Ankush Saini-Barrister and Solicitor to prepare students to navigate the immigration process.