

# 7 Tips on Immigration to Canada



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**7 TIPS ON IMMIGRATION TO CANADA SKILLED  
WORKERS - AND  
ADDITIONAL USEFUL INFORMATION**

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### **Question Number One:**

**Can I change my Immigration Class after I have submitted my application?**

✓ **Tip:** *You cannot change your immigration Class once you have submitted your application. We advise that you will read all the Immigration Classes presented in “My Immigration Consultant” e-book and apply to the class that best fits you.*

### **Question Number Two:**

**What happens if I do not meet the financial requirements set by Immigration Canada?**

✓ **Tip:** *Applicants that have Arranged Employment (as defined by R82) do not need to meet these financial requirements. “Arranged employment” means a job offer in Canada that has been approved by Human Resources Development Canada (HRDC) or that is exempt from HRDC approval.*

### **Question Number Three**

**What happens if I do not meet the financial requirements and I do not have an Arranged Employment but I do have relatives or friends in Canada willing to help me financially?**

✓ **Tip:** *If your relatives or friends have some extra money they could spare, then they could open a trust account in your name at a Canadian bank in Canada. When the Visa Officer is ready to ask you to provide proof of money to settle in Canada, only then your relative should open up the account and obtain a letter from the Canadian Bank stating;*

- ▶ *that you have a trust account opened in your name;*
- ▶ *and to specify the total amount of Canadian dollars.*

*Make a copy of the letter for your records and provide the Visa Officer with the original one.*

#### Question Number Four

**Does Immigration Canada provide me with a job offer?**

**The Answer is No.**

✓ **Tip:** When you purchase "[My Immigration Consultant](#)" you will automatically have information that will give access to hundreds of job offers and employers all over Canada. It will provide you with the names of employers and their addresses where you could send your resume to. Additionally you will find samples of Cover letters and Resumes so that you could potentially be one of the best applicant for the job.

#### Question Number Five

**Is there a way that I could speed up my Immigration process?**

✓ **Tip:** Skilled Workers and Business Applicants, who wish to settle in a province that offers Provincial Nominee Program and have an approved job offer, will receive accelerated immigration process.

#### Question Number Six

**If I am short a few points for qualifying under the point system, is there a way that I could still apply to Immigrate to Canada and have a successful application?**

✓ **Tip:** If you are short a few points for qualifying under the point system, "My Immigration Consultant" will provide you with all available search tools and resources which will give you access to register on line with hundreds of Canadian recruiting agencies and employers to secure a job offer and ultimately obtaining the 10 points towards your eligibility.

#### Question Number Seven

**If I will be asked to attend an Interview, would my performance have an impact in the Visa officer's decision?**

✓ **Tip:** Yes. Your ability to meet the Canadian immigration criteria depends, of course, on your personal and professional background. By the same token, it also depends on the way you will answer the Canadian Immigration officer's questions so that you manage to provide him/her, in less than ½ hour time, with the selected information that best underscores your merits, while avoiding unnecessary exhibiting

*your weak points.*

In performing their assessment, the immigration officers have a duty to fairly treat each candidate, but they do not have a duty to protect your interests in particular. Given that the number of people who apply each year for immigration to Canada is considerably higher than the annual level established by the government of Canada, the immigration officers are rather expected to act selectively, in order to choose those who they consider to be the best.

**However, we consider that it is our role, through information, guidance and valuable advice provided with "My Immigration Consultant" and other resources, to promote your interests, and to make sure that you are effectively considered one of the best and that you are granted the permanent resident status at the end of the immigration process.**

## **Additional Important and Useful Information**

In addition to the *Seven Tips*, in this new edition, we added some valuable *Advice and Tips* below:

 [Top Ten Tips for International Students](#)

 [Traps & Pitfalls –Work Visas](#)

 [The "\*\*Must ask\*\*" questions before handling your hard earned money to a Lawyer](#)

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## Top TEN TIPS for International Students

### 1. What immigration documents are essential for me to have while studying in Canada?

- ✓ You are required to have a valid study permit throughout your period of study at University. Be sure to apply for your extension at least 3 months prior to the expiry date of your current study permit.

### 2. Which immigration documents can I apply for from within Canada?

- ✓ You can apply for your study permit extension, a work permit/authorization for yourself (if your program is Co-op, or requires work experience as part of the degree requirement) or your accompanying spouse/common law or same sex partner from within Canada through the Case Processing Centre in Vegreville, Alberta.

### 3. What is a "TRV" and where do you apply for this?

- ✓ A Temporary Resident Visa (TRV) is a travel document required by citizens from certain countries to enter Canada. Your original TRV would have been obtained from your home country Canadian Embassy/Mission or the one closest to you. You only need this type of visa for entering Canada. If you are not traveling out of Canada during your stay here, you will not need to apply for a renewal. (Note: you may travel to the U.S. and re-enter Canada even if your TRV has expired). If you are leaving Canada for any other world destination you will need to renew your TRV and this may be done through the Buffalo office or the Canadian Embassy/Mission in your destination country. Be sure to have your valid study permit along with your passport and TRV for re-entry into Canada.

### 4. Can I work in Canada as a visa student?

- ✓ As a student enrolled in full time studies, you are currently allowed to work **only on campus**. You do not require a work permit, but will need to get a SIN. Your earnings will be subject to Canadian taxes.

### 5. Can I work in Canada after completing my studies?

- ✓ Upon completion of your degree at university, you qualify to apply for a "one time" post-graduation work permit to gain Canadian work experience. Students who have studied in Toronto will be granted a maximum of a one- year work permit. You must

have an offer of a job in your field of study to submit with your application.

## 6. Can I get a Social Insurance Number (SIN)?

- ✓ You can apply for a Social Insurance Number from Human Resources and Skills Development Canada, only if you will be earning income in Canada. You may receive scholarship or fellowship or bursary income without a SIN, but if you are

Working as a TA/RA/GA or any other on-campus job, you will need to apply for a SIN (Social Security Number).

## 7. Do I have to file a Canadian Tax return?

- ✓ You are **required** to file a tax return once you have received income (from scholarships or earned) in Canada. You may choose to file a return even if you have not received income in Canada if you wish to register your education and tuition tax credits for future potential earnings, or if you wish to apply for the GST rebate and certain other tax credits for which you may qualify.

## 8. Do I need to have a SIN to file my tax return?

- ✓ You do not need to have a SIN in order to file a tax return. You must however notify Revenue Canada of this situation by including a note with your tax return informing them that you are an international student who has not yet worked in Canada and therefore do not have a SIN. They will process your return and assign you a Temporary Taxation Number (this is **not** a SIN number) which you may continue to use for future years' filing. If you do get a SIN because you have started working you need to notify CRA so that they can put your SIN number on file.

## 9. Can I drive in Ontario?

- ✓ If you wish to drive in Ontario, you will need to obtain a Driver's License. If you have an international driver's license you may use this during your first 60 days, after which an Ontario license will be required. Holders of a valid US driver's license or countries with a reciprocity license agreement with Canada (e.g. Japan, Korea, Austria, Germany, and Switzerland) may exchange their license for a full Ontario license at a Ministry of Transport office.

## 10. Can my parents/family join me while I am studying?

- ✓ You may invite your family/parents to join/visit you while you are in Canada as a student. You will need to send them a letter of invitation and a copy of your study permit to take to the Canadian embassy in your home where they can then apply for their entry visas. They will need to provide proof of financial support for the period of their stay in Canada.

# Traps & Pitfalls –Work Visas

## Canada Work Permits (also known as *Work Visas*)

### Possible Traps & Pitfalls in the Canada Work Permit Area

There are a number of traps and pitfalls in the Canada Work Permit area - which people can unwittingly fall into. Some of these could have serious repercussions on both the foreign worker and the Canadian company. These include:

- ▶ 6 month ban for working illegally
- ▶ Misrepresenting or Withholding material facts
- ▶ Ban from returning to Canada... If you have been found inadmissible because of a misrepresentation, or any other offence under any Canadian law, you may not be able to immigrate to Canada, or even come back to Canada, without the consent from the Minister of Immigration
- ▶ Leaving Canada during renewal processing
- ▶ Some categories of Work Permits have limited renewal periods

For more details on Canada Work Permits download *"My immigration Consultant"*

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# The “Must ask” questions before handing your hard earn money to a Lawyer.

If you still want to hire a Lawyer and spend a truck load of your money here is a helpful list of questions you MUST ask your Lawyer.

## Q. About the Lawyer

- ✓ Do you have a firm brochure or website with your biography?
- ✓ How long have you been practicing law?
- ✓ What is your experience in this practice area?
- ✓ Have you handled any cases like mine? What was the outcome?

## Q. About Your Case

- ✓ What are the possible outcomes of my case, and the chances of success?
- ✓ What are the procedures involved in my case, and a rough time schedule for the different steps?
- ✓ Approximately how long will it take to finalize?
- ✓ What complications can arise in my case, and can they result in additional fees?

## Q. About Legal Fees

- ✓ Do you have a written retainer letter or agreement?
- ✓ Do you charge by the hour, by the case, by a percentage, or a combination?
- ✓ Will your rates change while you are handling my case? If so, how much notice will you give me?
- ✓ Will any junior Lawyers or legal assistants be working on my case? Do you charge for the legal assistant's or legal secretary's time?
- ✓ What kind of disbursements will there be?
- ✓ Assuming that there are no complications, what is the range of the possible fees, disbursements, and taxes? Can you give me a firm quote for fees and/or disbursements?
- ✓ When will you bill me? (Note: “bill me” means take my money)

## **Q. About the Work on Your Case**

- ✓ How will you keep me informed about what is happening on my case?
- ✓ Will you send me copies of letters that you receive and send out?
- ✓ Will you return my phone calls the same day?
- ✓ Do you use email or fax to communicate with me?
- ✓ Who else in the office will be working on my case? Can I call them if I can't get hold of you?

## **Optional Question...**

- ✓ If I were to have no money to cover your fees, would you recommend I try to do it myself with the help of "My Immigration Consultant" or you suggest I borrow from friends and go into debt to pay you?

There you have it in a nutshell. We know for a fact, from our customers that many Lawyers faced with this last question are put in an *"not so pleasant"* situation and finally they will just admit (if pressured) that there is no easier and more cost efficient way to immigrate to Canada then with...

["My Immigration Consultant"](#)

# Qualifying as an Investor

## How to Qualify for Canada's Investor Immigrant Program.

To qualify as an Investor, applicants destined for any province in Canada other than the Province of Quebec must meet 3 conditions:

- ▶ They must have "Business Experience"
- ▶ They must have a legally obtained net worth of \$800,000 CDN; and
- ▶ They must invest \$400,000 without interest for 5 years into the Federal Immigrant Investor program. Many banks will lend you the money to invest in the fund, so that you just need a down payment of about \$130,000 CDN.

Investor Immigrants must also earn at least 35 points on the *Investor/Entrepreneur Point Assessment Grid*. Investor Immigrants destined for Quebec must apply to immigrate under the *Quebec Investor Immigrant Program*.

Detail information is provided in "[My Immigration Consultant](#)"

# Why Choose Canada?

Canada is the best country in the world to live. This is what the United Nations has said every year since 1994. From coast to coast, Canada has fresh air, clean water, and a healthy environment for healthy living.

**Canadian Slide Show** Note: To watch the slide show you must have Power Point. You may choose to "open" the file instead of saving it to your PC as the file is quite large. When you finish watching the slide show click on the "Back Button" to return to your previous page.

## The Future is Canada

A modern, industrialized nation, Canada is an aggressive competitor in the global economy. Canada's low unemployment rate means thousands of available jobs for hardworking newcomers. Our stable democratic government, low crime rate and fair legal system make Canada a safe place to build a home and raise a family.

Canada offers a better life, high standard of living, access to the best education and healthcare, guaranteed human rights, and the chance to enjoy freedom in a peaceful multicultural society.



## The Job Market

At 6.8%, Canada's unemployment rate is the lowest it's been since 1976. And due to decreasing taxes and inflation, Canadians get to keep more of their personal income each year. This is like giving the whole country a big raise! Hundreds of thousands of new jobs are being created each year. Most new and high paying jobs are in high-tech industries... Canada doesn't have enough skilled workers to meet the labour demand!

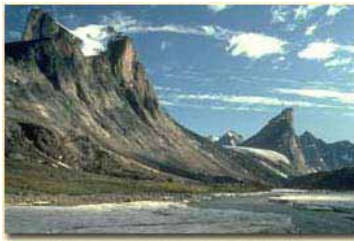
## Economy

As a leader in global development, Canada is one of the richest countries. Over the next few years, Canada will grow more rapidly than any other industrialized nation. The country's stable and resilient economy depends on the country's immense reserves of natural resources and strong manufacturing, commerce and services industries. Along with tax cuts and the elimination of inflation, Canada's growing export activity fuels job creation, which makes for low unemployment. Canada's economy has never been stronger!

## **Business and Industry**

Countless opportunities exist in Canada for experienced businesspeople. Canada sees great potential in foreign entrepreneurs and investors, and has special visa categories that prioritize these individuals and allow them to enter the country quickly and easily to do business and invest. The government assists with personal investments and financial planning, and provide incentives for small business owners who are vital to the Canada's economy. Canada is open for business!

## **Top 10 Reasons to Come to Canada**



### **1. Canada Rated the BEST Place to Live!**

Every year since 1994, the United Nations has rated Canada as the best country in the world to live in.

### **2. Prosperity in Canada**

The economy is BOOMING! A fast growing, modern, industrialized nation, Canada offers unlimited potential and opportunity. With the highest standard of living, Canada is one of the richest countries and is getting better.

### **3. The Good Life**

Canadians enjoy one of the highest qualities of life in the world. The clean environment makes for clean living. Life expectancy is 76.5 years.

### **4. Growing Job Market**

At 6.8%, Canada's unemployment rate is the lowest it's been since 1976, with hundreds of thousands of new jobs created each year. Canadians earn an average annual income of approximately \$40,000.

### **5. Low Tax and Inflation**

Consistently decreasing taxes and a 2.3% inflation rate make for a resilient economy, and Canadians get to keep more of their personal income each year. This is like giving the whole country a BIG RAISE!

### **6. Business and Industry**

Unlimited opportunities for development exist in the natural resources, manufacturing, construction, import/export, commerce, high-tech and service industries.

### **7. Top Quality Education**

Offering free primary and secondary education and subsidized post-secondary studies, Canada spends more on education than any industrialized nation. Canadian universities and colleges have a strong international reputation for high quality.



### **8. Health and Welfare**

Canadians have access to social assistance programs, affordable housing, FREE HEALTHCARE, and a strong government that helps its people.

### **9. Safe and Secure**

Community policing, strict gun control laws, and a fair justice system make Canada safe and secure for everyone. Crime rates are among the lowest in the world, and continue to decline.

### **10. Multiculturalism**

Canada encourages immigrants to retain their unique culture. Nowhere else is there such a diversity of cultures existing together in a tolerant, peaceful society.

**Are YOU Ready to start the process**

**of YOUR Immigration to Canada?**

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