

Canadian Immigration Preparation Guide

1. Initial Planning

- Identify your immigration category (e.g., Express Entry, Family Sponsorship, PNP, Study Permit, Work Permit, etc.).
- Review the eligibility criteria for your chosen immigration pathway.
- Check the most recent Canadian immigration updates and policies (IRCC website).
- Gather essential documents: Passport, IDs, education credentials, language test results, employment records.

2. Language and Educational Credential Assessment (ECA)

- Take an approved English or French language test (IELTS, CELPIP, TEF Canada, etc.).
- Send educational documents to an IRCC-approved organization (e.g., WES, IQAS) for credential assessment.
- Keep copies of all submissions and results.

3. Financial Preparation

- Ensure you meet proof of funds requirements (varies by program).
- Maintain clear bank records showing savings over the past 6 months.
- Prepare a financial summary for submission (letter from bank, assets, liabilities, etc.).

4. Application Process and Documentation

- Create a secure IRCC online account.
- Complete application forms accurately and truthfully.
- Upload all required documents in the specified formats.
- Pay applicable processing fees.
- Double-check all entries before submission.

5. Police Certificates and Medical Exams

- Obtain police clearance certificates from every country you've lived in for 6+ months since age 18.
- Schedule a medical exam with a panel physician approved by IRCC.
- Do not take the medical exam until requested (unless you're applying through Express Entry).

6. After Submission

- Monitor your IRCC account for updates or additional document requests.
- Respond to IRCC communications promptly.
- Keep all correspondence and submission confirmations.
- Prepare for a potential interview or biometrics appointment.

7. Arrival in Canada

- Bring copies of your COPR, passport, and supporting documents.
- Declare all goods you're bringing (especially funds, jewelry, food, etc.).
- Have a settlement plan ready: housing, job search, and local contacts.
- Apply for SIN, health card, and register for newcomer services.

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