

VISA DOCUMENT GUIDE / 2026 EDITION

Canada

A clear, beautifully organised checklist for your application.

Canada processes visitor, study and work applications online through IRCC. Biometrics are collected at a visa application centre, and the decision is made on your documents and travel history.

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Sticker visa (TRV)

ENTRY

Single or multiple entry

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Application essentials

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STAY

Usually up to 6 months per entry

BIOMETRICS

Mandatory, valid for 10 years

Photograph specification

- 1 35 x 45 mm with the face measuring 31 to 36 mm from chin to crown
- 2 Plain white or light-coloured background
- 3 Taken within the last 6 months
- 4 Neutral expression, no glasses

Eligibility checklist

- ☐ Valid passport and clean immigration history
- ☐ Funds to support the stay and return travel
- ☐ Medical examination where the stay or activity requires it
- ☐ Convincing reason to return home after the visit

DOCUMENTS TO PREPARE

Complete checklist

REQUIRED FOR EVERY APPLICANT

- ☐ **Passport**
Valid for the duration of the intended stay; all pages of current and old passports may be requested.
- ☐ **IMM forms**
IMM 5257 application form and family information form, completed online.
- ☐ **Digital photograph**
Meeting IRCC specification, uploaded with the application.
- ☐ **Biometrics instruction letter**
Issued after submission; carried to the VAC appointment.

FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS

- ☐ **Bank statements**
Last 6 months, bank-stamped or e-statements with the bank logo and IFSC visible.
- ☐ **Income tax returns**
ITR acknowledgement for the last 2 to 3 assessment years.
- ☐ **Salary slips**
Last 3 months for salaried applicants.
- ☐ **Proof of funds**
Fixed deposits, investments or a sponsor letter with the sponsor's own statements.

OCCUPATION PROOF

- ☐ **Employed**
Leave sanction letter on company letterhead, employment certificate and ID card copy.
- ☐ **Self-employed**
Business registration / GST certificate, company bank statements and partnership deed if applicable.
- ☐ **Student**
Bonafide certificate from the school or college plus latest mark sheet.
- ☐ **Retired**
Pension order or retirement proof, plus proof of savings.

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TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

- ☐ **Confirmed flight itinerary**
Round-trip booking showing entry and exit dates.
- ☐ **Accommodation proof**
Hotel bookings for the full stay, or a host invitation with their address proof.
- ☐ **Day-wise itinerary**
Cities, dates and planned activities for the full trip.

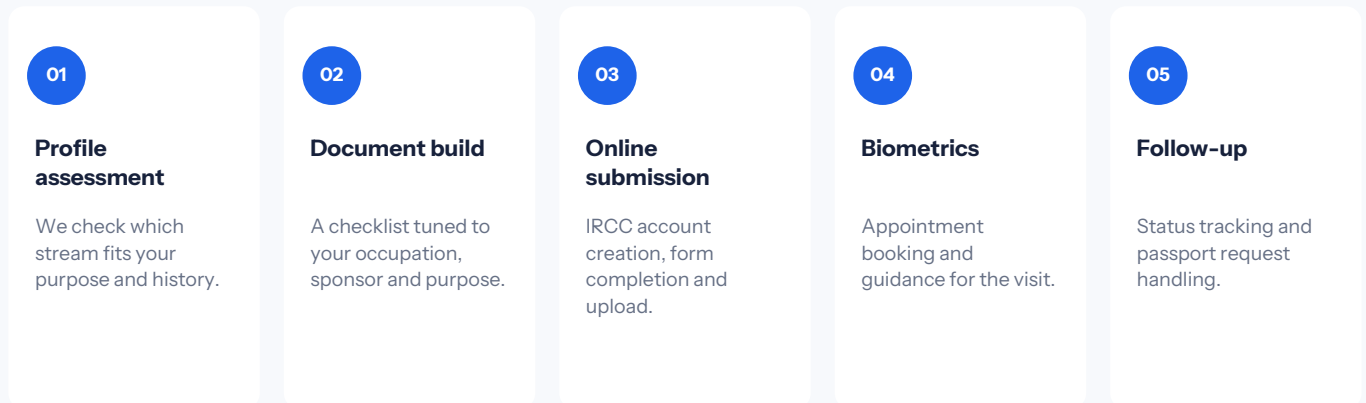
PURPOSE-SPECIFIC DOCUMENTS

- ☐ **Visitor (TRV)**
Purpose of travel letter, itinerary and proof of ties to home country.
- ☐ **Visiting family**
Invitation letter, host's PR card or citizenship proof, and their income documents if sponsoring.
- ☐ **Study permit**
Letter of acceptance from a designated learning institution, provincial attestation letter where required, proof of tuition payment and a GIC or equivalent funds proof.
- ☐ **Work permit**
Job offer, LMIA or exemption code, qualification and experience proof, and medical exam where required.
- ☐ **Super visa (parents)**
Invitation from the child or grandchild, their income proof and Canadian medical insurance for one year.

FINAL REVIEW & NEXT STEPS

Before you submit

Application journey



Important to know

- Medical insurance covering the stay is mandatory for the Super visa.
- Biometrics remain valid for 10 years and are not repeated within that period.
- Study permit applicants should show funds that have been held for a reasonable period.

READY WHEN YOU ARE

Let's make your file submission-ready.

Start your application at imigro.com. Our team will tailor this checklist to your profile, travel purpose and circumstances.