POST-GRADUATION WORK PERMIT PROGRAM

APPLICATION TUTORIAL



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The information in this presentation is current as of July 1, 2022.

What is the PGWP Program?



- The Post-Graduation Work Permit Program (PGWPP) offers an open work permit that allows graduates from participating Canadian post-secondary institutions to gain valuable Canadian work experience.
- A PGWP is a one-time opportunity for recent graduates.
- It allows recent graduates to change their temporary residence status from "student" to "worker".
- No job offer is required and eligible applicants can obtain a work permit for up to 3 years.



How long is a PGWP valid for?



In most circumstances, a PGWP cannot be valid for longer than the length of your studies in Canada. Review the IRCC Website for more information.

If your program of study was:

- Less than two years but more than eight months: a work permit may be issued for a period no longer than the length of your program of study (e.g. if you studied for nine months, a work permit may be issued for a period of nine months)
- Two years or more: a work permit may be issued for three years
- 16-23 month Graduate degree with no scheduled breaks: a work permit may be issued for three years

Who is eligible for a PGWP?



- Were continuously-enrolled at a post-secondary institution.
- Studied full-time in Canada in each mandatory term of your program (except in your final term). Note: online studies from outside Canada from Mar 2020 Aug 31, 2022 will count towards PGWP eligibility.
- Completed a program of study that lasted at least eight months.
- Completed and passed the program of study and received a notification that you are eligible to obtain your degree/certificate.
- *Ideally have a valid study permit when you apply for the work permit.

Review the full <u>eligibility criteria on the IRCC website</u>

What documents do I need to apply?



<u>Applicants require</u>:

- An official completion letter from your school which confirms your program completion
- An official transcript/unofficial transcript obtained after program is completed
- A valid passport

Applicants may require:

- Biometrics if have not submitted them within the last 10 years
- A medical exam in some circumstances (if have lived in a Designated Country for more than 6 months in the last year/if intend to work in some medical/research/teaching fields)
- Additional documents dependent on your circumstances

When should I apply?



You cannot <u>apply</u> until you obtain confirmation that you have completed your program requirements and obtain an official completion letter. You must apply within 180 days of program completion confirmation.

- Apply within 90 days of program completion with a valid study permit. If you met full <u>PGWP</u> <u>eligibility criteria</u>, remained full-time and were eligible to work as per your study permit working conditions throughout your degree, then you may begin working as per the conditions of the PGWP as soon as you submit the application and until you obtain a decision on your application. See page 41 in this tutorial for more information.
- Apply to change your status to visitor within 90 days of program completion and apply within the 180 from within Canada. You may not begin working until you obtain your official work permit. (Not recommended as application processing times are a standard 120+ days).
- Leave Canada within 90 days and apply for your PGWP from outside Canada. You may return to Canada as a worker once your application has been approved.

Can I work while waiting to apply for PGWP? TR



- During the regular academic session, study permit holders are permitted to work unlimited hours <u>on-campus</u> and up to <u>20 hours off-campus</u> as long as they meet the study permit working condition eligibility criteria.
- Study permit holders are permitted to work as per those conditions until they obtain confirmation of program completion. Once confirmation of program completion is obtained, the graduate must stop working under study permit conditions as they are officially no longer a student.
- Graduates can then apply for PGWP

Important Considerations



- When does your Study Permit expire? It is important for it to be valid until your degree is audited (mid May/January/September depending on program completion).
- When does your passport expire? Ideally it is valid the length of your potential work permit.
- When does your temporary resident visa (if applicable) expire? If you leave Canada, you need a valid entry visa to return.
- Are you working already? Do you plan to work as soon as possible? You will want to have your PGWP application ready to submit as soon as you obtain completion letter.
- Are you planning on completing any further studies in Canada? Consider if you wish to apply for PGWP now or after your further studies.
- Do you plan on going home after you graduate? Consider if you wish to apply inside or outside Canada and the implications of both. What documents do you need to travel and return to Canada?
- Have you violated any <u>Canadian Immigration regulations</u>? (out of status, working conditions, etc).
 This could impact your eligibility for PGWP.

Application Tutorial

From Inside Canada



Overview of PGWP application process



- Apply online through <u>IRCC Secure Account</u>
- Start an Application > Apply to come to Canada
- Complete questionnaire to determine application eligibility> Select "Post-Graduation Work Permit in Canada"
- Complete questionnaire to populate personalized document checklist (application package)
- Complete Application IMM5710 Application Form to Change Conditions, Extend my Stay or Remain in Canada as a Worker
- 6 Upload supporting documents
- 7 Pay <u>application fees</u>

How do I apply for PGWP?



Apply online through <u>IRCC Secure Account</u>. Simply type "IRCC Secure Account" in your search engine to locate the login page.

Either Login or Create an Account.

Create your own user name and password known as a GCKey (Government of Canada Key)

OR

Login using a Sign-in Partner using your Canadian Banking Information

Sign in to your IRCC secure account

Your account lets you start an application, submit and pay for your application, get messages related to your application, check the status of your application and update your information.

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Depending on your application type, you may not have heard from us or seen changes in your application status.

- If you've had a medical exam or given biometrics, they won't show in your account until we process them.
- We currently have a backlog of medical exams to process, but when we do process them, **you'll see them in your account**.

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Option 1: GCKey

Sign in with your GCKey user ID and password.

Sign in with GCKey

Option 2: Sign-In Partner

Sign in with your online Canadian banking information if you have an existing account with 1 of our partners.

Sign in with Sign-In Partner

Don't have an account?

Register

Need Help?

How to sign in or apply online

Login to your IRCC Secure Account



This is your main IRCC Account Page.

Your account allows you to start/submit an application, obtain updates, and check the status of your application.

Applications you have submitted

Continue an application in progress

All IRCC applications start the same way:

- 1) Start an application
- 2) Apply to come to Canada

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Start an application

Apply to come to Canada

Includes applications for visitor visas, work and study permits, Express Entry and International Experience Canada. You will need your personal reference code if you have one.

Refugees: Apply for temporary health care benefits

Use this application if you are a protected person or refugee claimant who wants to apply for the Interim Federal Health Program.

Citizenship: Apply for a search or proof of citizenship

Use this application to apply for proof of citizenship (citizenship certificate) or to search citizenship records.

Start a PGWP application



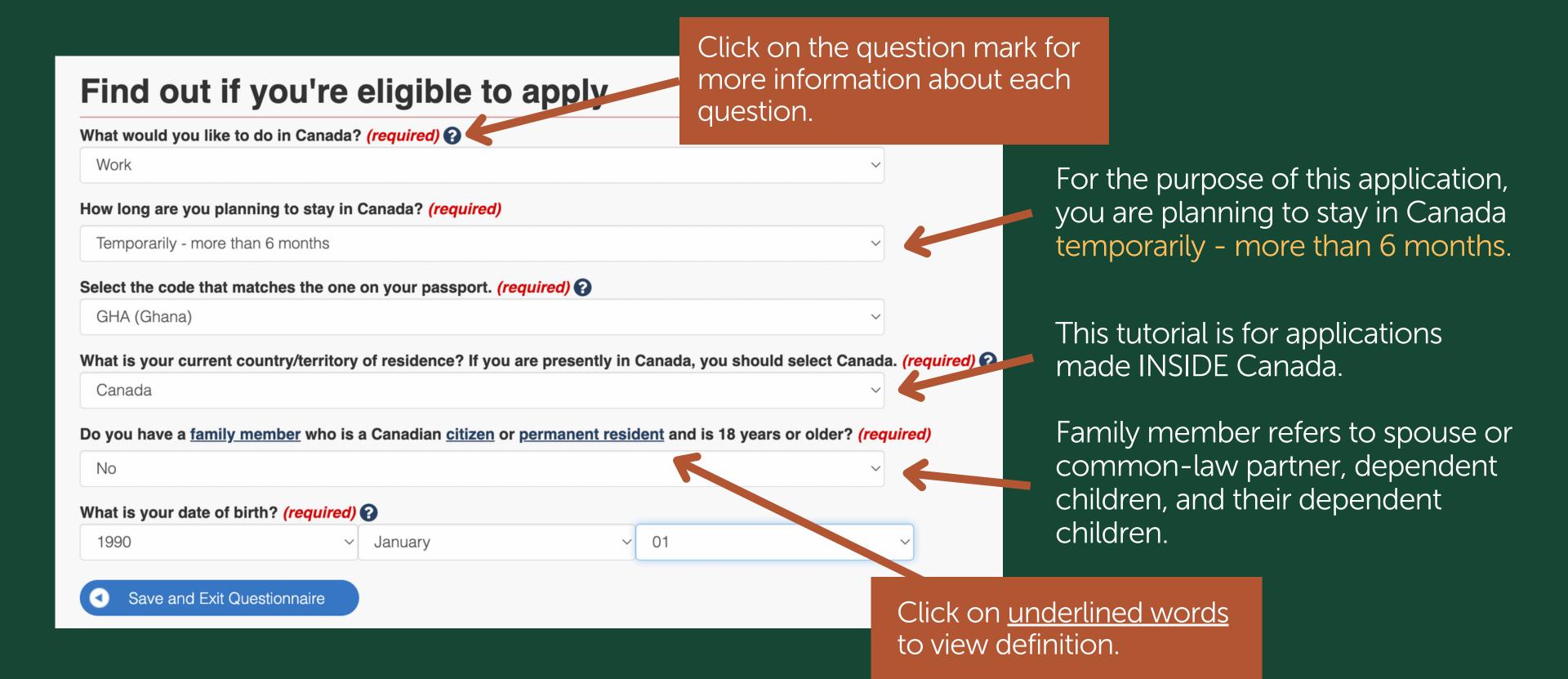
In this next step, you are going to determine which applications you are eligible for.

Determine your eligibility and apply online for a "visitor visa, study and or work permit"

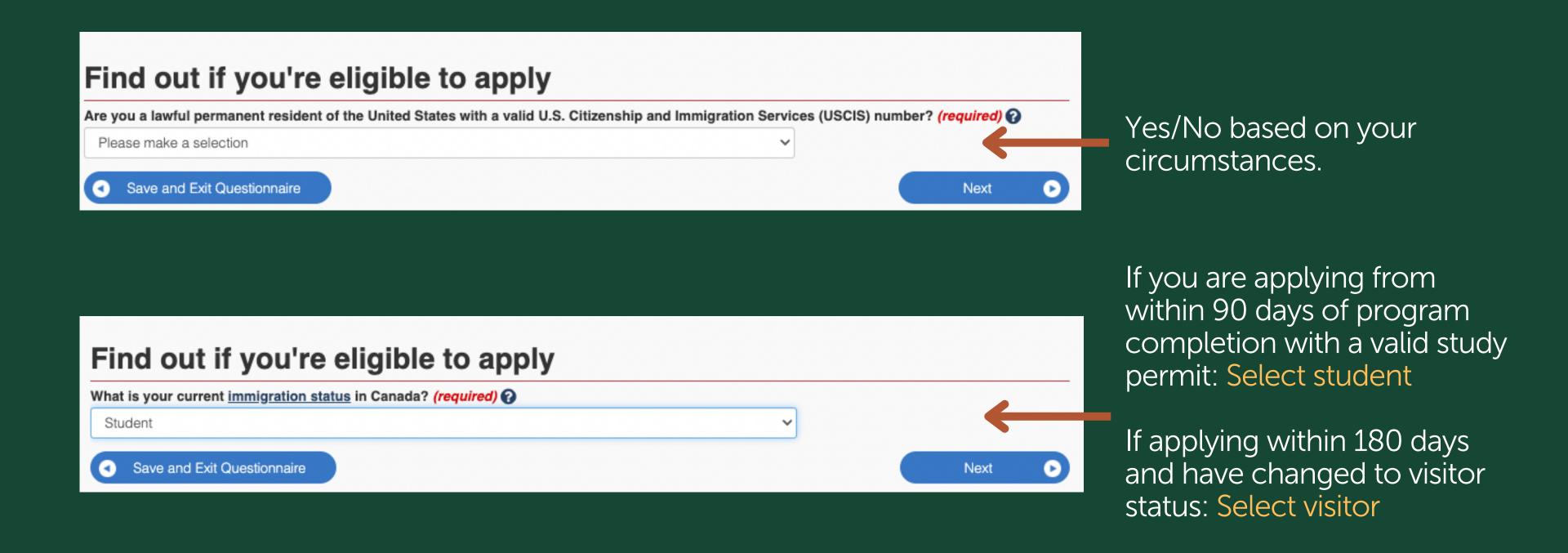
You will answer a series of questions to determine your application eligibility.

Personal checklist
Personal Reference Code
If you have already completed the Come to Canada or the Express Entry wizard, you would have received a document checklist and/or a personal reference code, based on the answers you provided.
*Please enter your personal reference code to begin your application. (required)
Continue
I do not have a Personal Reference Code
If you do not have a personal reference code, you may answer a series of questions to find out if you are eligible to apply for a visa and/or permit, apply for Express Entry, and begin an online application.
If you begin your application after you have logged into your account, you will not receive a personal reference code, as the system will save your document checklist right into your account.
Determine your eligibility and apply online:
Visitor visa, study and/or work permit
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Report a problem or mistake on this page

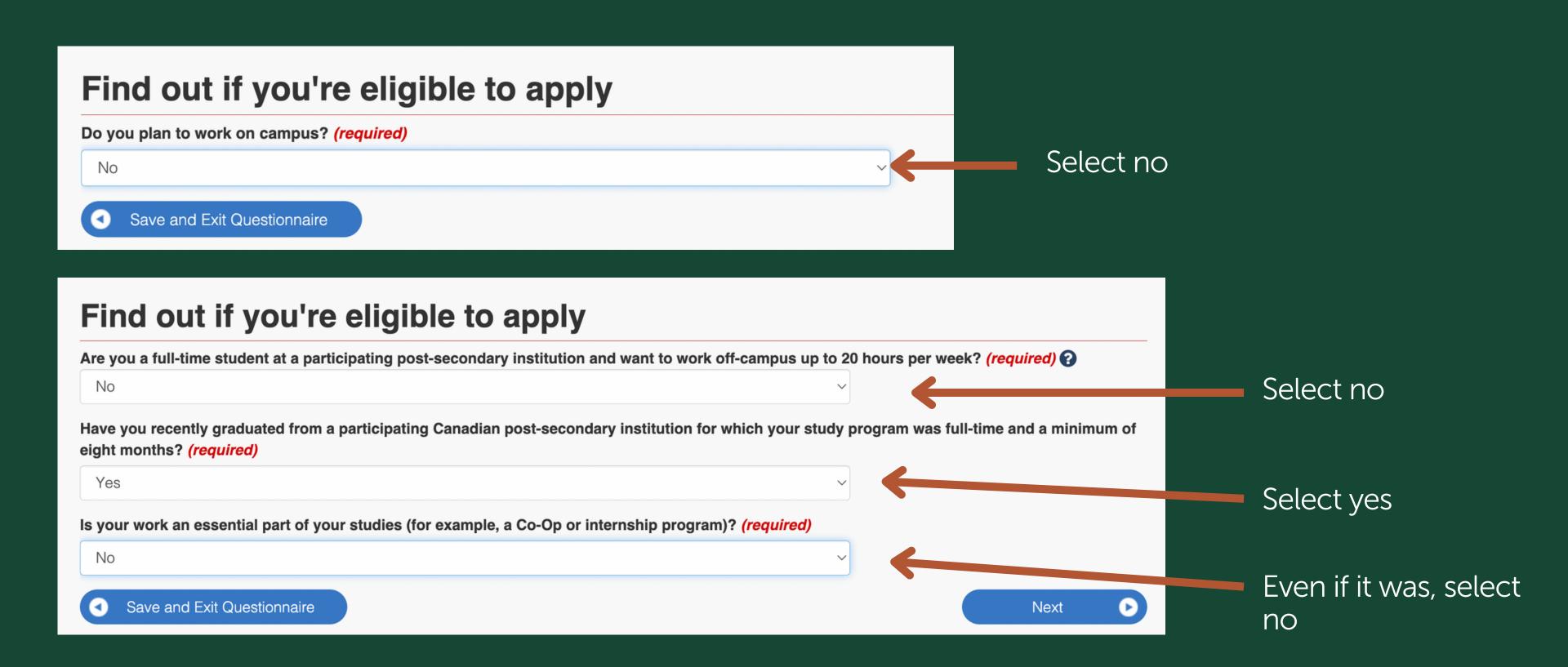




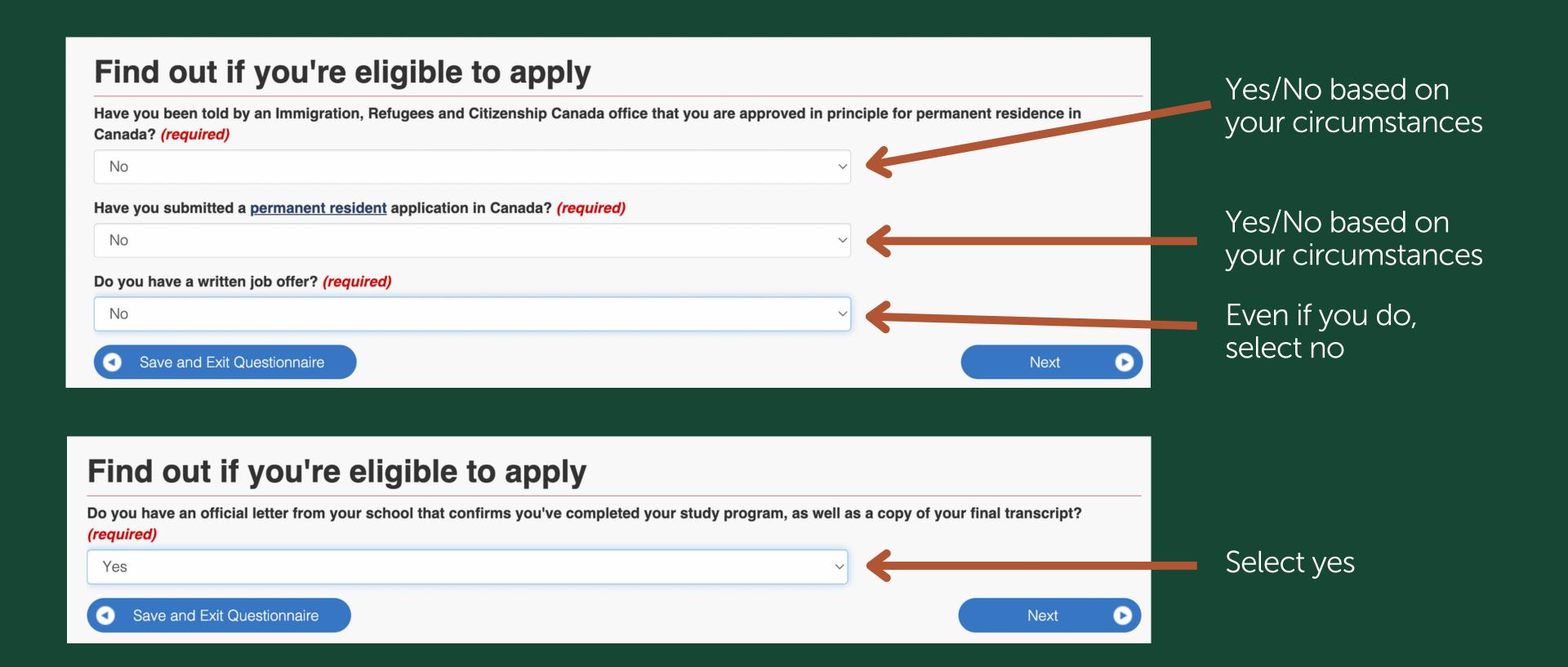




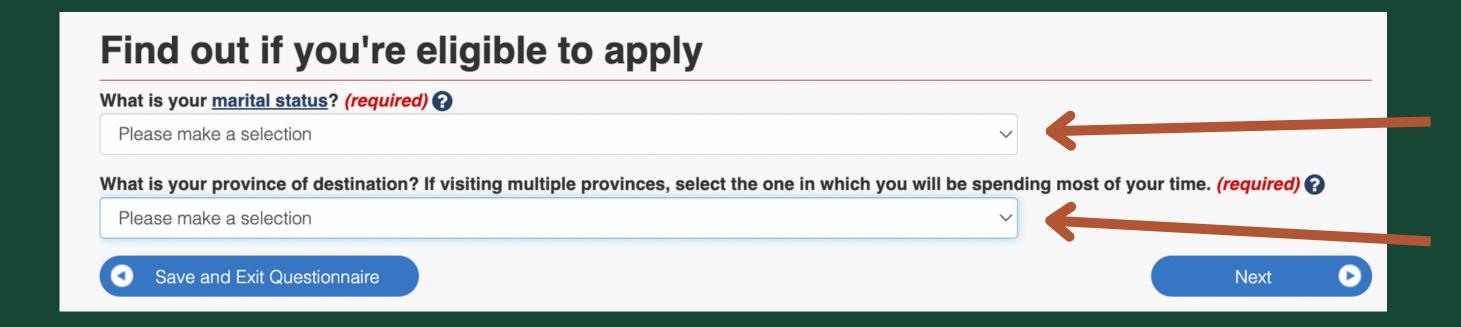












Select based on your circumstances

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Post-Graduate Work Permit (in Canada)



Your results

Based on the information you provided, the result(s) below indicate(s) whether you may be eligible to come to Canada.

Temporary Resident Visa

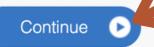
You will need a temporary resident visa to return to Canada.

If you are working or studying in Canada, your temporary resident visa may expire at the same time as your work or study permit. If your work or study permit is expiring soon, please renew your study or work permit first. Once your study or work permit is approved, you may apply for your temporary resident visa.

Continue

Post-Graduate Work Permit - in Canada

You may be eligible to work in Canada with a post-graduation work permit.



Select the "Post-Graduation Work Permit application



Exit Questionnaire

Create your Personal Document Checklist



Create your personal checklist

Post-Graduate Work Permit - in Canada

You are almost there...

We are going to ask you a few more questions. Based on your answers, we will provide you with a personal checklist of all the documents you need to submit with your application.

Do **not** submit multiple applications for the same service in an effort to speed up your application. Doing this may result in both applications being processed and delay the finalization of your application. We do not refund processed applications.

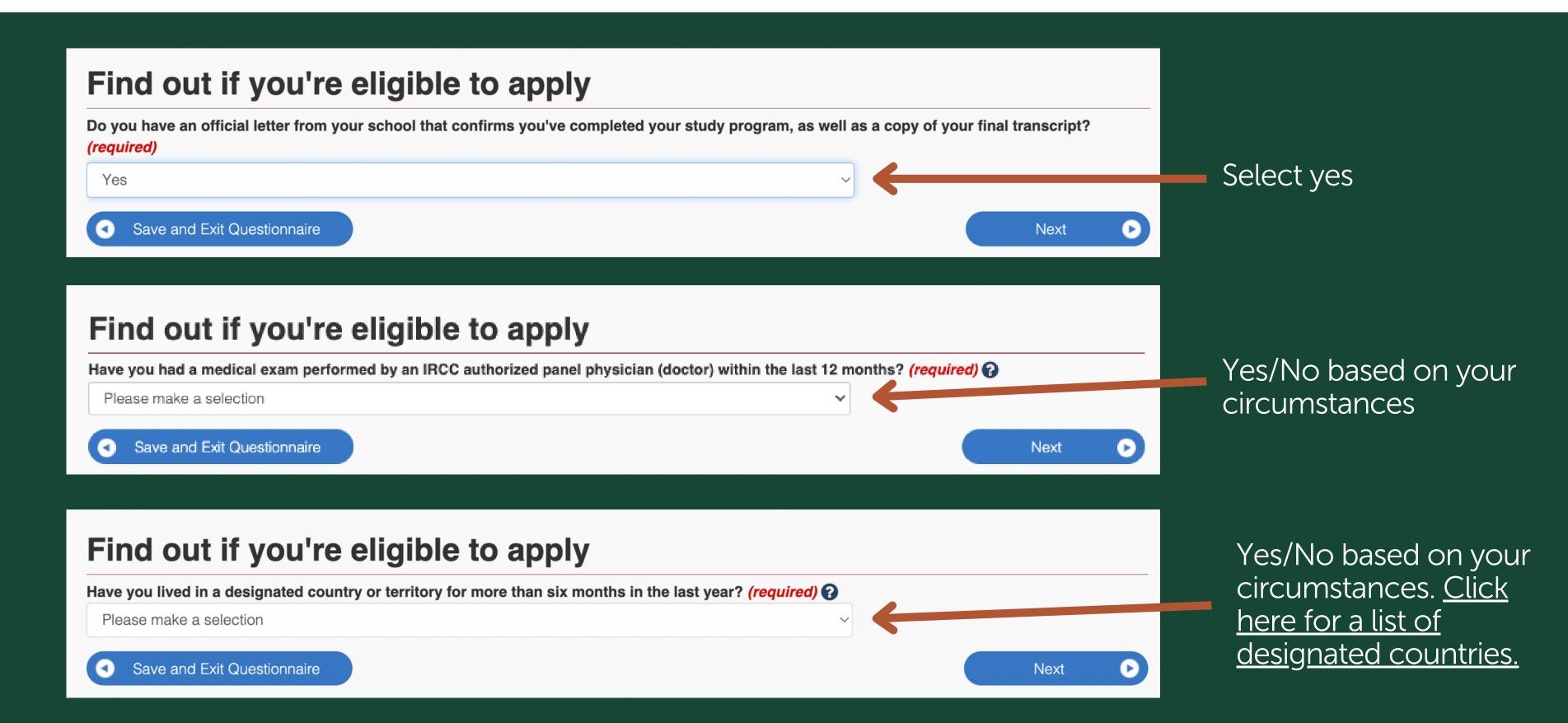


Exit Questionnaire



Select continue to proceed to the questionnaire







Find out if you're eligible to apply

A medical exam is needed for foreign nationals who:

- want to stay in Canada for more than 6 months and have lived in one or more <u>designated countries or territories</u> for more than six months in the past year or;
- intend to work in one of the following jobs:
 - health sciences worker
 - clinical laboratory worker
 - patient attendant in nursing or geriatric homes
 - medical student admitted to Canada to attend university
 - medical elective and physician on short term assignment
 - teacher of primary or secondary schools or other teachers of small children
 - domestics worker, someone who gives in-home care to children, the elderly and the disabled
 - day nursery worker

If you fit into one of these categories, you need to get a medical exam.

Will you be getting a medical exam before submitting your application? Sending medical results, if required, as part of your application package will speed up the processing of your application.

For a medical exam, you must see a physician on Canada's list of Panel Physicians (required)

Please make a selection



Save and Exit Questionnaire

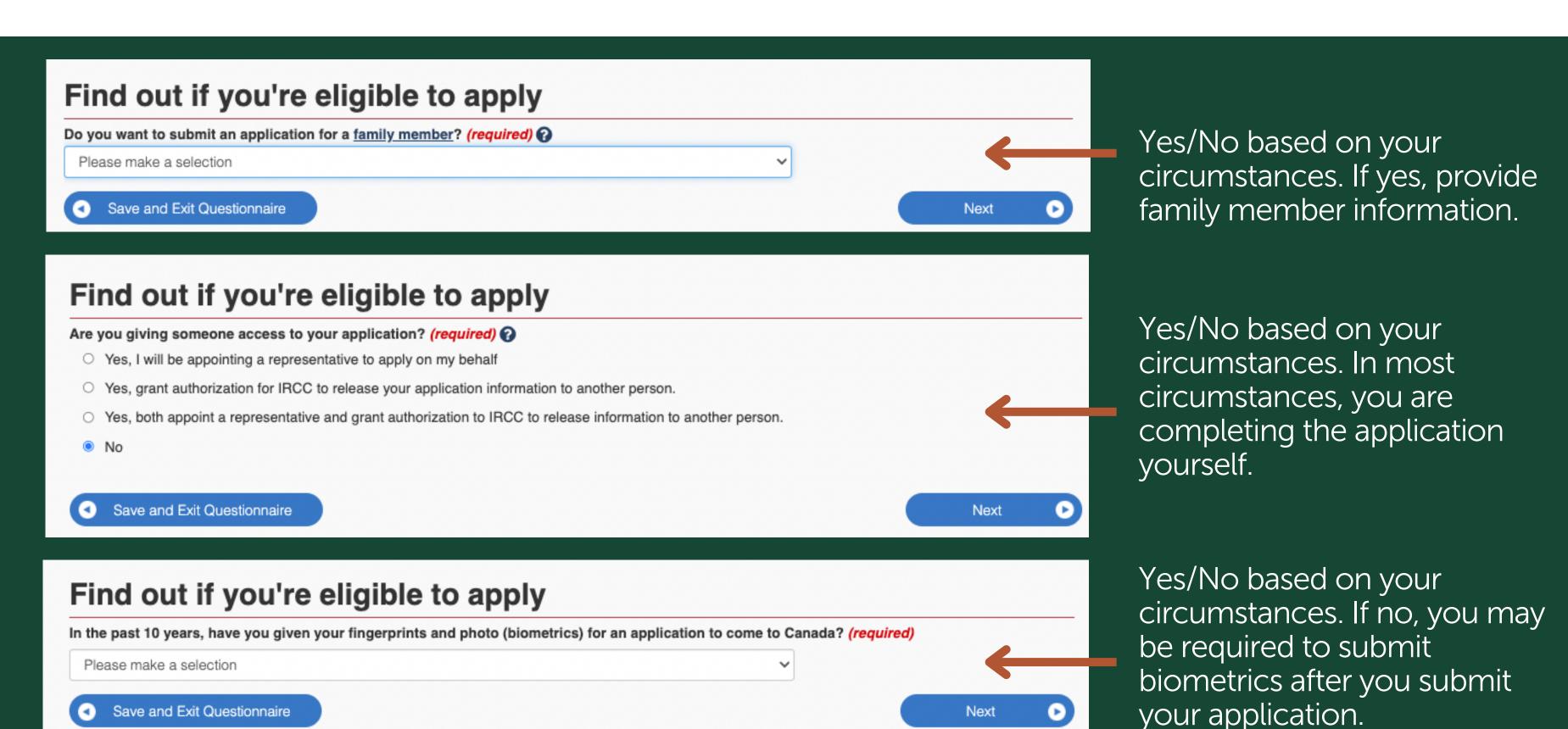


If you answered no to the medical exam questions, you may be required to complete a medical exam for your application.

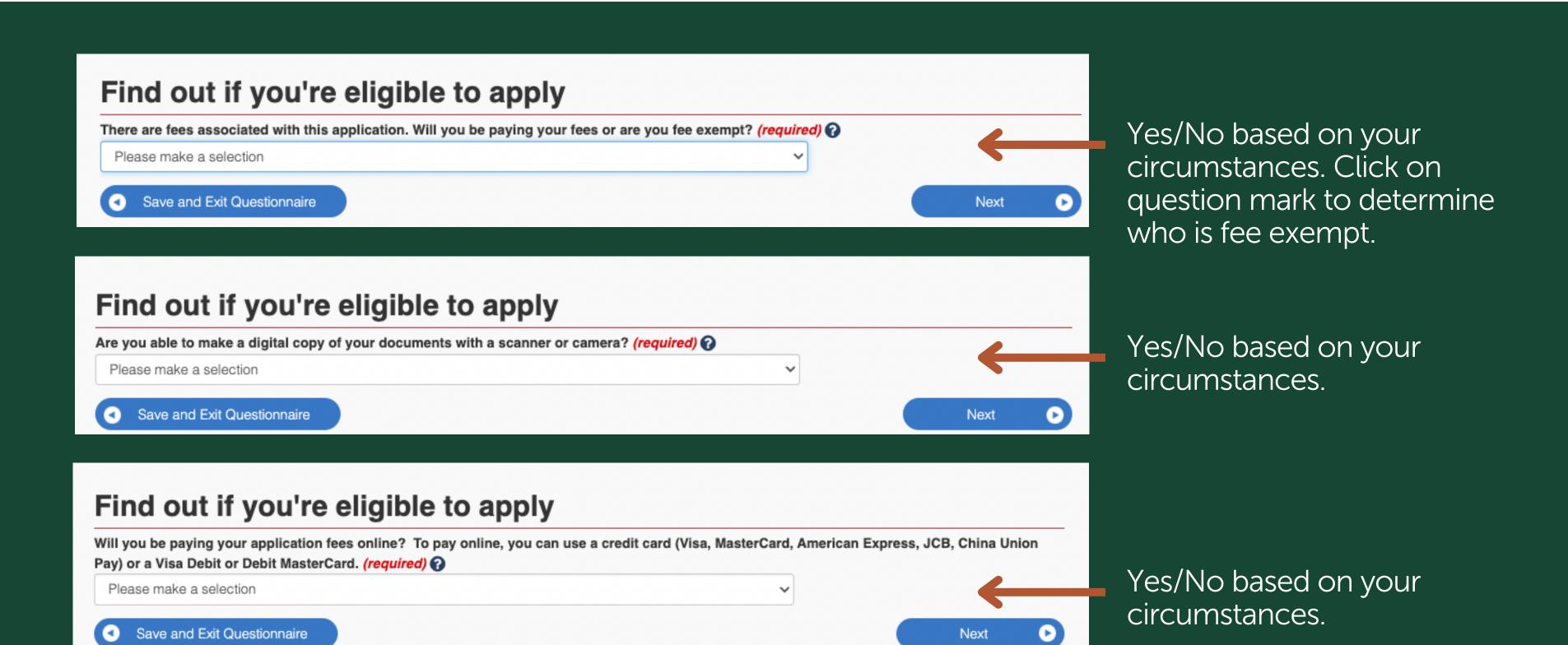
A medical exam is required if:

- You have lived in one or more designated countries/territories for more than 6 months in the last year.
- Or, you intend to work in certain jobs in which you come in close contact with people.



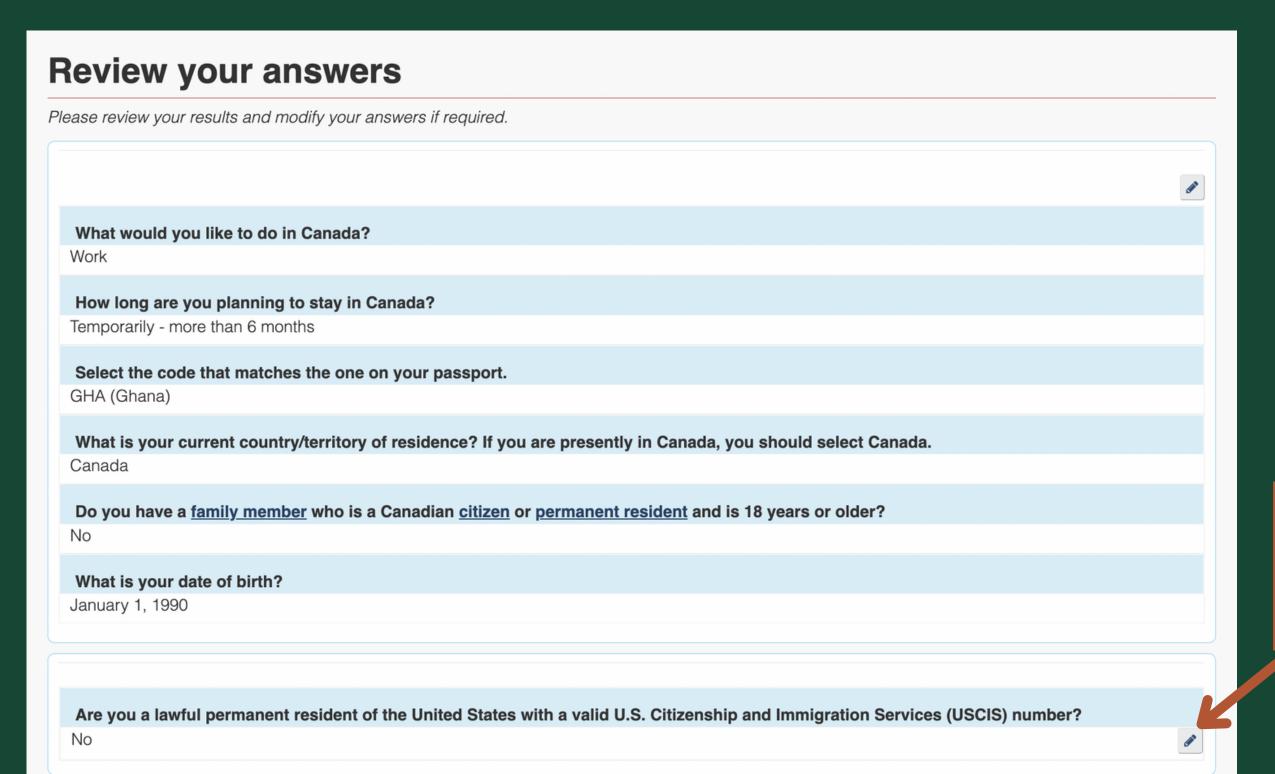






Review your answers





You have an opportunity to review your answers prior to proceeding to your personal Document Checklist.

Ensure you answered accurately and truthfully.

If you need to edit an answer, click the pencil icon to make the necessary changes.

Review the application submission process



Review the process for submitting your study permit extension application.

- Use your IRCC Account to submit your application
- Your application will be saved if you exit the account
- Upload the required documents
- Pay your fees

When you are ready, select "continue" to proceed to your Document Checklist.

Submitting your application

On the screen, you will be asked to upload the documents for your application. Please do not use your browser's navigation buttons, "Back" and "Forward", as they will not work properly within this application.

Step 1: Use your account

You must be logged into your own account to submit an application. You cannot use another person's account.

Step 2: Save your application

If you select the exit button, your information will be saved and you will return to your account home page.

You can continue your application at any time by logging into your account and selecting the e-Application link under the In-Progress section.

Please note that you have 60 days to submit your online application. The number of days remaining to submit your application appears in your account home page. If your application is not submitted within 60 days, it will automatically be deleted.

Step 3: Upload your documents Here are some guidelines for your documents:

- Your form(s) and document(s) must be in an electronic format.
- You do not need to sign your application form by hand if you submit your application form online. You will be
 asked to provide a digital signature once you are ready to transmit your documents.
- One file will be allowed per document type. For example, if you are asked to provide multiple pages of your passport, you must soan and save all pages as one file.
- You will be required to upload every requested form and document. You will not be able to proceed to the next

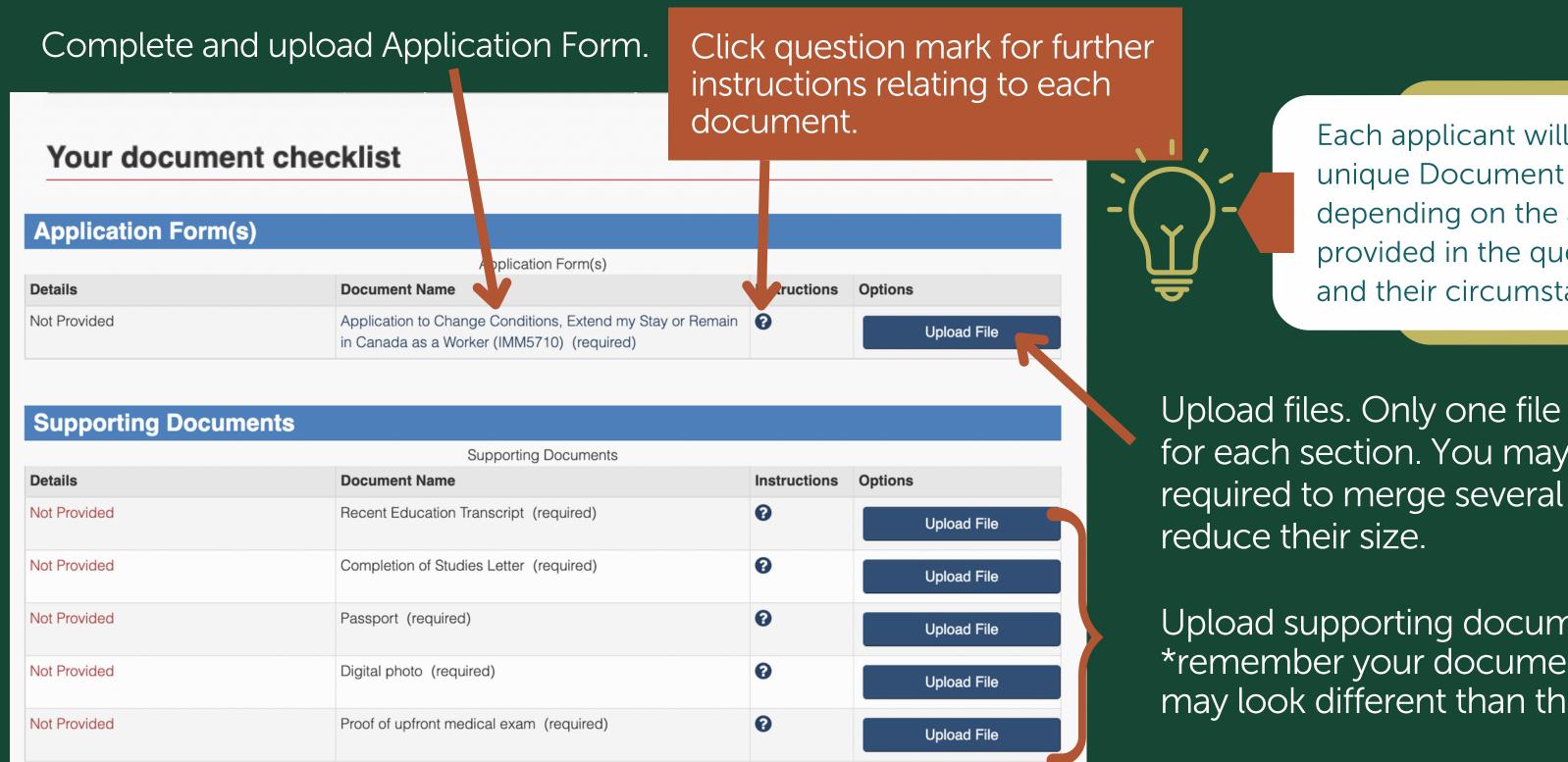
Step 4: Pay your fees

After you have electronically signed your application, you will be asked to pay your fees. Your fees must be made with a credit card. You will be required to provide credit card information to complete your payment. We accept Visa, MasterCard, American Express and certain prepaid credit cards.

Once you have paid your fee, you will receive a payment confirmation page. When your payment has completed processing you will receive a message with your confirmation number and a link to your payment receipt. You should print this page for your records.

Your document checklist





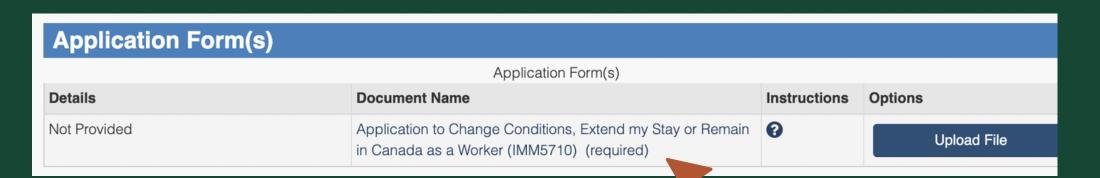
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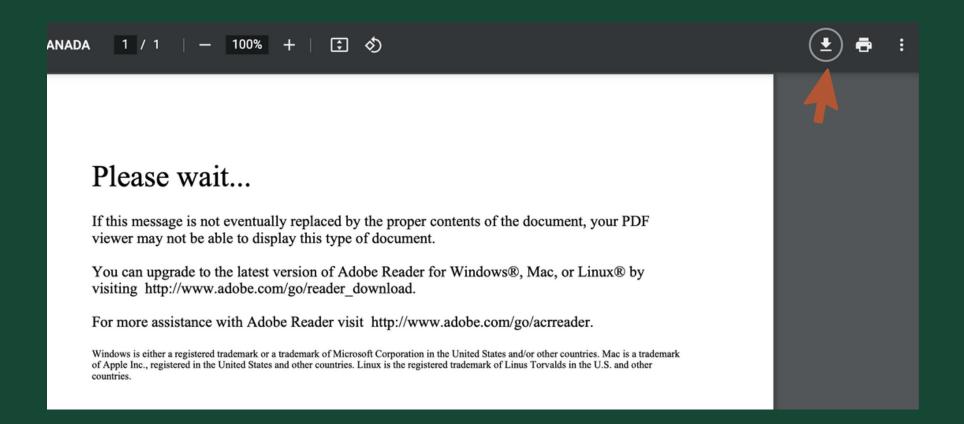
Upload files. Only one file is permitted for each section. You may be required to merge several files or

Upload supporting documents. *remember your document checklist may look different than this

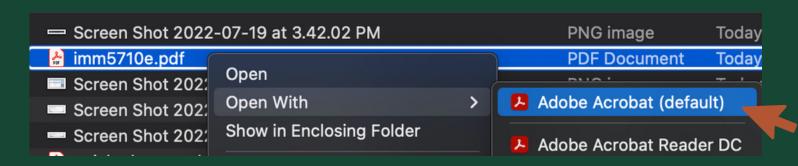


- Click on the application form in your document checklist
- The application form will automatically open in your web-browser and a "please wait" error message will appear.
- Click on the download arrow at the top right to save the file onto your computer. If you do not see the arrow, move your cursor to the top of the screen and it will appear.
- Locate the file on your computer > right click > open with Adobe Acrobat Reader (free version).

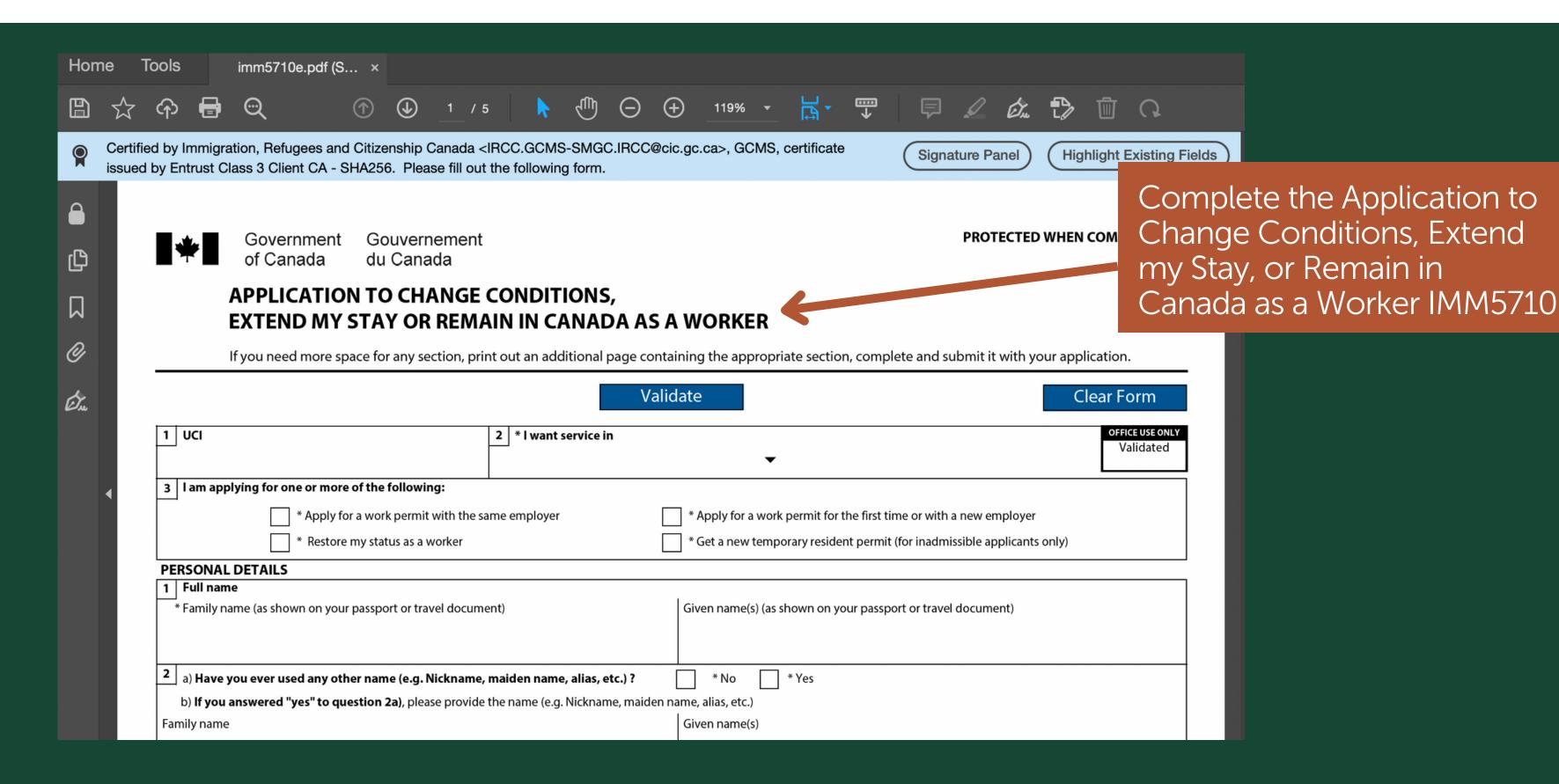














- UCI: The Unique Client Identifier can be found near the top right of your study permit
- I am applying for one or more of the following: Apply for a work permit for the first time or with a new employer

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3 I	I am applying for one or more of the following:					
	* Apply for a work permit with the sa	me employer	* Apply for a work permit for the first time or with a new employer			
	* Restore my status as a worker		* Get a new temporary resident permit (for inadmissible applicants only)			

PERSONAL DETAILS

Current country/territory of residence: Canada/Student/From: study permit issue date/To: study permit expiry

NATIONAL IDENTITY DOCUMENT

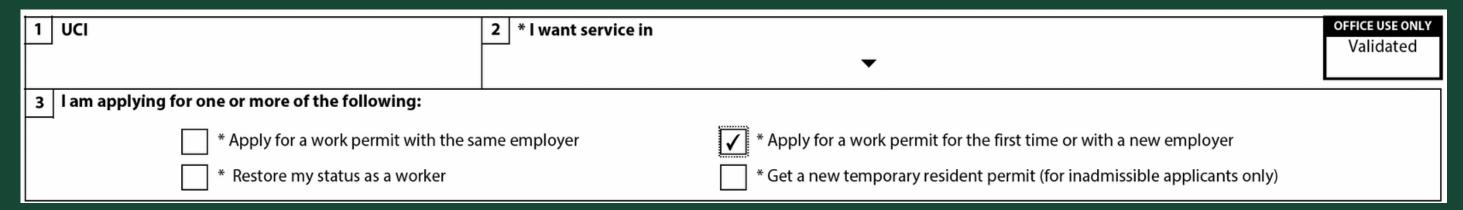
• A national identity document is an identity card issued by an official authority with a photo. It is separate from your passport. Not all countries issue them. Some have an issue/expiry date, some do not.

CONTACT INFORMATION

• (1) Current mailing address: Your work permit will be mailed to you, ensure address is accurate.



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COMING TO CANADA

- (1) Date and place of your original entry to Canada:
 - Date: study permit issue date, unless originally arrived in Canada for another purpose
 - Place: indicate Canadian entry point (ex. Toronto Pearson Airport)
- (4) If applicable, provide the document number of the most recent Visitor Record, Study Permit, Work Permit, or Temporary Resident Permit issue to you: the document number is found on the top right of your study permit, or IRCC document. It is a letter followed by 9 numbers (for example: F123456789) on the top right.

COMING INTO CANADA	
Date and place of your original entry to	* Place
Canada	
YYYY-MM-DD	
* a) The original purpose for coming to Canada	b) Other
▼	
Date and place of your most recent entry to	Place
Canada (if not the same as original entry) YYYY-MM-DD	
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Indicate Post-Graduation Work Permit

Leave sections 2-7 blank

PGWP is an open work permit which means it is not employer specific



Answer question 8 based on your own circumstances

DI	ETAILS OF I	NTENDED WORK IN C	CANADA				
1	* a) What ty	pe of work permit are you	u applying for?			b) O	Other
	Post Gr	aduation Work P	ermit		•		
2	Details of m	ny prospective employer (attach original offer of employ	ment)			
a)	Name of Emp	oloyer (lf you are employe	ed by a foreign employer who h	nas been av	warded a contrac	t to pro	provide services to a Canadian entity, please identify the foreign employer here)
b)	Complete Ad	ldress of Employer (Canad	dian or Foreign):				
3	Intended lo	cation of employment in	Canada?		_		
Pro	ovince	City/Town			Address		
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	Job title				Brief description	n of du	duties
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7	If you have	been issued a Quebec Ac	ceptance Certifcate (CAQ), pro		TT-WIWI-DD		
	Certificate	Number	Expiry Date				
8	Have you b	een issued a certificate ur	nder the Provincial Nominee pr	rogram?	✓ * No		* Yes



EDUCATION

Indicate Trent Information

EDUCATION

Have you had any post secondary education (including university, college or apprenticeship training)?

* Yes

EMPLOYMENT

Provide details of employment for the past 10 years, including part-time positions held

EMPLOYMENT

Give details of your employment for the past 10 years, including if you have held any government positions (such as civil servant, judge, police officer, mayor, member of parliament, hospital administrator)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Answer questions truthfully

- (2c) Have you previously applied to enter or remain in Canada? Yes
- (2d) Provide details if answered yes to 2a, 2 b, or 2c. Simply write one sentence of explanation. For example (2c) Applied for initial study permit. It was issued DATE and expires DATE.
- If you answer yes to questions 3-6, complete Schedule 1 form in the "Optional Documents" section of your Document Checklist.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION	Clear	Section
You must complete this section if you are 18 years of age or older.		
a) Within the past two years, have you or a family member ever had tuberculosis of the lungs or been in close contact with a person with tuberculosis?	No No	Yes



SIGNATURE

- Ensure you indicate YES to consent to be contacted by Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC)
- You may type your name for a digital signature
- Indicate the date you submit your application

VALIDATE

- When you feel your application is complete, click the blue validate button at the top or bottom of the application. The form will indicate if there are any errors or omissions in the form and highlight them in red. Fix any errors and validate as many times as needed.
- Once the form validation is complete, it will indicate "validated: yes" in the "office use only" box located at the top of your form.
- A page of barcodes will appear in your form. This means your form is ready to upload to your IRCC Secure Account.
- Save a copy of the form to your computer for your records.

Signature of Applicant or Parent/Legal Guardian's for a person under 18 years of age.

Type first name and last name as stated on passport









Your document checklist



Can submit unofficial transcript > myTrent > Academics > must have completion notation (date completed) at end of transcript.

Your document checklist

Application Form(s)				
	Application Form(s)			
Details	Document Name		Instructions	Options
Not Provided	Application to Change Conditions, Extend my Sin Canada as a Worker (IMM5710) (require	Stay or Remain	0	Upload File

Supporting Documents							
Supporting Documents							
Details	Document Name	Instructions	Options				
Not Provided	Recent Education Transcript (required)	•	Upload File				
Not Provided	Completion of Studies Letter (required)	0	Upload File				
Not Provided	Passport (required)	•	Upload File				
Not Provided	Digital photo (required)	•	Upload File				
Not Provided	Proof of upfront medical exam (required)	0	Upload File				



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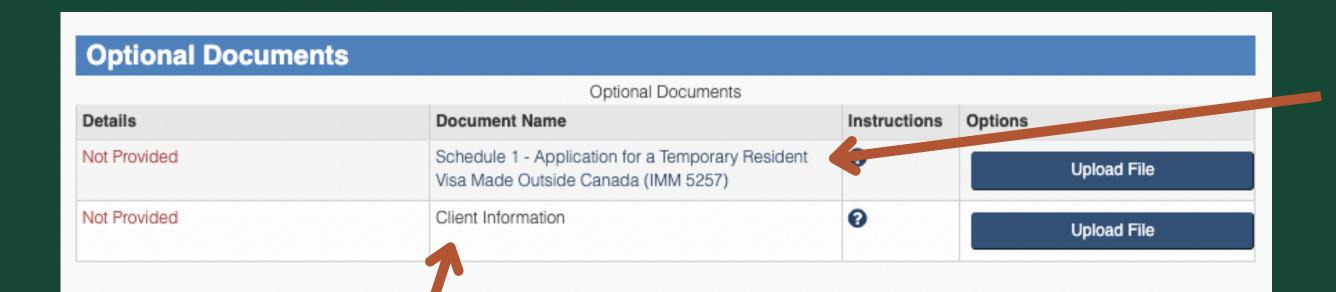
How do I obtain my completion of studies letter?

Undergraduate/Certificate: myTrent> Register> International Verification of Enrollment > Graduation Letter

Graduate: automatically sent by the School of Graduate Studies graduate@trentu.ca

Your document checklist: optional documents



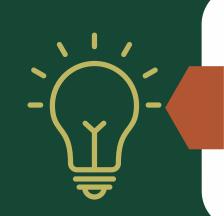


Complete if answered yes to background information questions 3-6 on IMM5710 application form.

If you have any additional information you would like to include in your application that requires an explanation, you may upload a "Letter of Explanation" in the "Client Information" section.

You may want include a Letter of Explanation to explain:

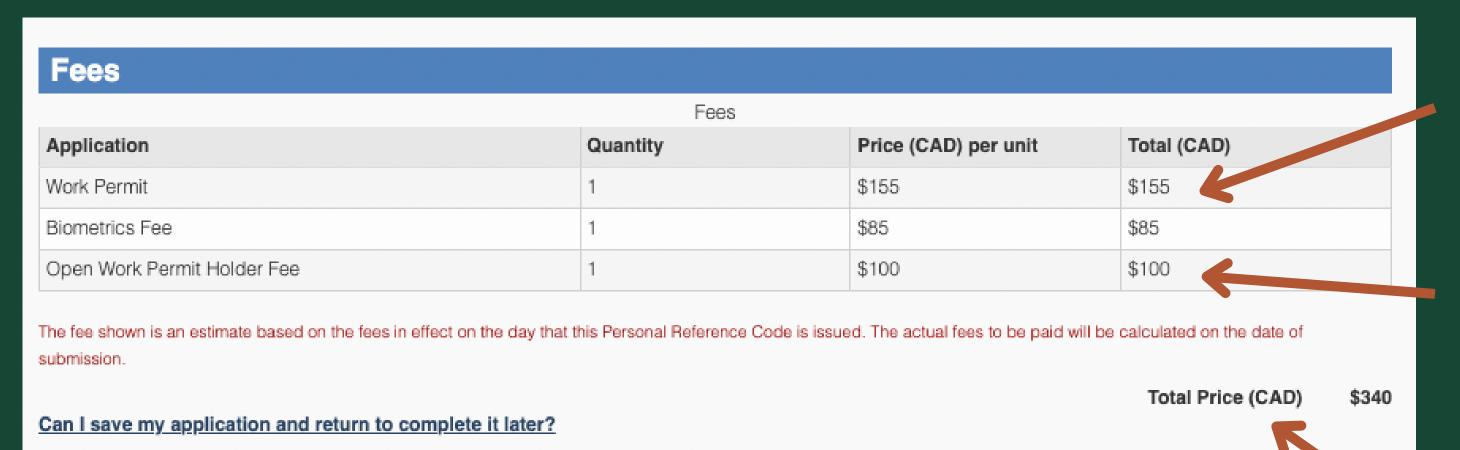
- A gap in your studies / authorized leaves
- Additional information the officer may find useful when assessing your application.



Find a template Letter of Explanation on our <u>Trent</u>
International webpage >
Extend Your Study Permit >
Letter of Explanation.

Your document checklist: application fees





The base fee for a general work permit application is is \$155 CAD as of July 1, 2022.

There is an additional fee for an open work permit.



Note: You may have additional fees based on your circumstances, (e.g. biometrics fee).

You can review the total fees for your application stated at the bottom of the Document Checklist page.

How do I submit the application?



Complete and upload the following in your document's checklist in your IRCC Secure Account:

- the application form
- the supporting documents
- any optional documents as required

Once you have uploaded all the required documents, a "continue" button will appear at the bottom of the page.

Select "continue" to proceed to the payment page.



Fees

Application Form(s) Document Name					
Document Name					
	Document Name Instructions				
Application to Change Conditions, Extend my Stay or Fin Canada as a Student (IMM5709) (required)	Remain 🕜	Upload File			
nts					
Supporting Documents					
Document Name	Instru	ctions	Options		
Co-op Letter (required)	0		Upload File		
Letter of Acceptance (required)	Upload File				
Passport (required)	0	Upload File			
Digital photo (required)	0	Upload File			
Optional Documents					
Document Name Instructions Options					
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After You Apply



- You will obtain an automatic Acknowledgement of Receipt.
- If IRCC requires more information they will contact you through your IRCC Account and email. Check your account often and email often, including your spam folder!
- If your application is approved, IRCC will update you in your IRCC Secure Account.
- Your work permit will be sent to your mailing address indicated in the application.
- If you require a new entry visa, you will apply after you obtain your official work permit.

Work after Submitting PGWP Application



As per paragraph R186(w), graduates who apply for a post-graduation work permit, before the expiry of their study permit are eligible to work full time without a work permit while waiting for a decision on their application if the applicant meets all of the noted criteria:

- 1. They are or were the holders of a valid study permit at the time of the post-graduation work permit application.
- 2. They have completed their program of study.
- 3. They met the requirements for working off campus without a work permit under paragraph R186(v) (that is, they were a full-time student enrolled at a DLI in a post-secondary academic, vocational or professional training program of at least 8 months in duration that led to a degree, diploma or certificate).
- 4. They did not exceed the allowable hours of work under paragraph R186(v).

Work after Submitting PGWP Application



- Applicants remain eligible to work full time without a work permit while waiting for a decision on their application even after leaving and re-entering Canada.
- Applicants may provide proof of PGWP application to potential employer.
- Applicants must stop working as soon as they are notified by IRCC (for example, via their MyAccount, by email or by mailed letter) that their application for a work permit is refused.
- Learn more about <u>authorization to work after submitting a PGWP application on the IRCC website</u>.



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