



INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE CANADA



WHY TRAVEL AND WORK ABROAD?

- Help fund the trip of a lifetime. Travel, explore, and immerse yourself in a new culture
- Meet new people and make connections that are meaningful, life-long, and life-changing
- Gain valuable international work experience and take your career to the next level
- Discover your strengths and find your inspiration
- Help make Canada and the world a better place. Share your passions and talents

"It's worth it! Come with an open heart and mind, hang out with locals, meet new people and make sure to get a bike! Chance encounters are what will keep you going."

- Duncan Anderson
(Working Holiday in Germany)



WHAT IS INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE CANADA?

International Experience Canada (IEC), overseen by the Government of Canada, manages youth mobility agreements between Canada and more than 30 other countries and foreign territories that facilitate work permits specifically for youth. Canadian citizens aged 18-35 are eligible for a work permit (sometimes called a work visa) to work and travel in these countries/territories for up to two years, depending on country-specific requirements:



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| • Australia | • Greece | • Poland |
| • Austria | • Hong Kong | • San Marino |
| • Belgium | • Ireland | • Slovakia |
| • Chile | • Italy | • Slovenia |
| • Costa Rica | • Japan | • Spain |
| • Croatia | • Latvia | • South Korea |
| • Czech Republic | • Lithuania | • Sweden |
| • Denmark | • Mexico | • Switzerland |
| • Estonia | • Netherlands | • Taiwan |
| • France | • New Zealand | • Ukraine |
| • Germany | • Norway | • United Kingdom |



DID YOU KNOW YOU NEED A WORK PERMIT?

Did you know that in most countries, to travel for an extended period of time or to legally work, you need a valid permit or visa? The process to obtain a work permit can be very complex. Fortunately, work permits under IEC's agreements are generally easier to obtain, less expensive, and processed more quickly than other types of work permits.

WORK PERMIT TYPES

The types, names, and requirements of work permits vary by country. Generally, there are two types of work permits: open and employer-specific.

Open work permits:

- 'Working Holiday' is the most common open work permit which, allows you to fund or supplement your vacation with temporary work
- Work at any job you can find in the country issuing the permit
- Work for more than one employer, in more than one location
- No need to secure a job before you apply or enter the country

Employer-specific work permits:

- Common for: international co-op jobs, internships, and young professionals looking for experience in support of their career development
- You must have a pre-arranged contract of employment before you apply
- Your work permit is tied to one job/employer, in one location



"It is without a doubt the most rewarding experience I have ever had. It has changed me in so many ways; I know more of who I am and what I want from life now than ever before. Anyone can visit a country, but it's a whole different story to live and work in it, letting it become a part of you."

– Gina Alward
(Working Holiday in Ireland)



NEED HELP?

You can apply for a work permit, find a job, and plan your travels on your own! Or if you want some assistance, IEC's Recognized Organizations provide different types of services* such as orientation, job search assistance and job placements, and more! Some of these organizations also facilitate work permits for individuals interested in going to countries not listed above.

*Additional fees apply.

HOW TO GET STARTED?

Visit canada.ca/iec for details
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