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Immigration Information

Can I Enter Canada?



At this time, you can enter Canada only if you're travelling for a non-discretionary or non-optional purpose **AND:**

- You were approved for a study permit on or before **March 18, 2020 OR**
- You're coming from the United States (must have study permit approval)

University and government institutions are collaborating and working together to allow for easier entry soon. Decisions are in flux and we will be in touch about updates.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/coronavirus-covid19/students.html>

**I am currently in Canada.
Is there anything I need
to know or do?**

If you are in Canada...



You must apply online to extend your stay in Canada.

If you're a student, you have 3 options:

- If you want to continue studying, you may be able to extend your [study permit](#) if you're eligible.
- If you're no longer studying and not applying for a post-graduation work permit (PGWP), you can apply to change your status to visitor, as long as your study permit has not expired.

Find out [how to extend your stay in Canada as a visitor](#).

For more information, see [Guide 5551 – Applying to Change Conditions or Extend Your Stay in Canada – Online application](#).

- If you completed your program of study, you may be eligible to [apply for a PGWP](#).

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/coronavirus-covid19/students.html#travel>

What should I do if my study permit is about to expire?



- **Apply online** to extend your status before it expires; this will give you implied status and will allow you to continue studying and/or working (subject to the same conditions listed on your current study permit) while your extension is being processed.
- Applications will not be refused for being incomplete (i.e., if you are unable to obtain all the documents you need); however, you should include an explanatory note detailing any circumstances that are beyond your control. International students may require a letter of support from King's.

Biometrics



Biometrics exemption for temporary residence applicants in Canada

As a temporary measure, you're exempt from giving biometrics **if you're both of the following:**

- **in Canada**
- **applying or have an application in progress**
 - to extend your stay as a student, worker or visitor
 - to restore your status as a student, worker or visitor
 - for a work or study permit
 - for a visitor visa
 - for a temporary resident permit

This exemption applies even if

- your application form for a work permit, study permit or visitor visa says it's for applicants outside Canada
- our online application system asks you to pay a biometric fee (CAN\$85)

This exemption does not apply if you're outside Canada.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/coronavirus-covid19/biometrics.html>

My status expired more than 90 days ago, but I am unable to go home. What should I do?

As of July 14, IRCC has implemented an extension for temporary residents applying to restore their status:

“As a result of the pandemic and its associated challenges, a new public policy has been implemented that provides an extension to apply for restoration beyond the current 90-day timeframe for foreign nationals in Canada. Former workers, students and visitors whose status **expired after January 30, 2020, and who remained in Canada will now have until December 31, 2020, to apply to restore their status**, provided they meet the requirements for the type of status and authorization they are applying to restore.”

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/news/notices/restoration-extension.html>



I am a graduating student who is applying for my PGWP. Can I apply for my PGWP and have implied status (ability to work) even if I don't have all the required documents?

As a temporary facilitation measure, applicants who apply for a post-graduation work permit will be allowed to submit an application without their letter of completion or final transcript. Applicants should submit a letter of explanation indicating that they are unable to submit the requested documents due to school closure. Once these documents become available, applicants should submit the documents using the [IRCC Web form](#).

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/publications-manuals/operational-bulletins-manuals/service-delivery/coronavirus/temporary-residence/study-permit.html#post-grad>



Will my Post-Graduation Work Permit eligibility be affected if I have gaps in my studies or need to drop down to part-time enrolment for reasons related to COVID-19?

If you have a study permit, or been approved for a study permit for a program starting in the spring, summer or fall, but you can't travel to Canada at this time due to travel restrictions, you're also still eligible for the PGWPP.

If you're in this situation, you may

- begin your classes while outside Canada, and
- complete up to 50% of your program while outside Canada, if you can't travel to Canada sooner.

If you start your studies in fall 2020, you won't have time deducted from the length of your post-graduation work permit for studies you complete while outside Canada between fall 2020 and December 31, 2020.

IRCC may require a letter from King's that explains students' circumstances. Students can receive this letter from King's at the time they are applying for their PGWP.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/coronavirus-covid19/visitors-foreign-workers-students.html#restrictions-students>

If I left Canada will I be able to return?



To return to your studies in Canada, you need:

- a valid study permit **or** a port of entry letter of introduction that shows that you were approved for a study permit before or on March 18, 2020
- a valid Temporary Resident Visa (TRV) or Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA)
- to prove you are coming in for an essential reason

Stay informed on developments around COVID-19 both in Canada and in your home country. Find out [what you need before you travel to Canada](#).

**What is the process for
coming to Canada
if I my study permit was
valid as of March 18?**



If your Study Permit was valid on/before March 18, 2020...

If you plan to come to Canada, you must:

Prove to the Border Officer that you are coming in for an **essential reason**

When the border services officer greets you, they will look at several factors, including whether

- you're already living in Canada
- you're able to complete a 14-day quarantine period as soon as you arrive at your final destination
- you begin studying after you complete your quarantine
- you need to be in Canada for your program (for laboratories, workshops)
- pursuing your studies online is not an option at your school or not possible from your home country (due to internet restrictions or bandwidth limitation)
- <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/coronavirus-covid19/students.html#travel>
- King's can provide you with a support letter:
form.kings.kucits.ca/forms/statement-letter-request-ADO-ES

Quarantine - 14 day plan

Universities are now responsible to ensure that all students who are arriving in the country follow Quarantine protocol.

If you are coming into the country contact King's International with your Quarantine plan:

international@kings.uwo.ca

Register your 14-day quarantine plan with King's/Western here:

https://uwo.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1Y1n6xQ6JwbFE2N

Students are now required to receive a COVID-19 test during their Quarantine period.

Maple Assist



- Optional quarantine service for King's students
- Includes pick-up shuttle at the airport and 14 days quarantine stay worth \$1325+tax
- King's is offering a subsidy of \$500 on the total arrivals package amount for those students staying at Residence.

<https://www.mapleassist.com/kings-university/>

Cross Border Services Agency (CBSA) Contact

You can contact CBSA with questions about your ability to cross the border

You can contact them by:

- Email
- Phone
- Mail

<https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/contact/bis-sif-eng.html>

ArriveCAN App

If you are arriving in Canada within 2 weeks you can use this app to reduce wait times at Canadian ports of entry and limit points of contact by filling your information before you arrive. The app works in airplane mode and allows you to save your information to submit upon arrival at the airport or border or up to 48 hours ahead of time.



Biometrics



IRCC will automatically extend all biometrics deadlines and no application will be refused or closed if you aren't able to give your biometrics within the period indicated on your Biometric Instruction Letter (BIL).

Keep visiting [canada.ca/biometrics](https://www.canada.ca/biometrics) for updates on when biometrics collection will start again. You should book an appointment as soon as the site closest to you starts offering the service again.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/coronavirus-covid19/biometrics.html#temporary-canada>

**What options do I have
if I am not in Canada?**

PGWP Eligibility

If you graduated or will graduate from a DLI that offers [PGWP-eligible programs](#), you're still eligible for a PGWP if

- your in-class courses are moved to an online-only format, or
- you had to put your studies on hold or study part-time because of COVID-19

PGWP eligibility for programs starting in 2020

You're still eligible for a PGWP if

- you have a study permit or have applied or been approved for one
- you can't travel to Canada at this time due to travel restrictions

If you're in this situation, you may

- begin your classes while outside Canada, and
- complete up to 50% of your program while outside Canada, if you can't travel to Canada sooner

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/coronavirus-covid19/students.html#eligibility>

When will international students without a valid study permit/approval on/before March 18 be able to travel to Canada?

The IRCC website is regularly updated as policies change:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/coronavirus-covid19/students.html#apply>

King's International stays up to date on the immigration updates and is here to support you. You may contact us at any time for updates.

