



DESJARDINS
LAWYERS

CANADIAN STUDY PERMIT



CANADA CONSISTENTLY STANDS AMONGST THE WORLD'S
TOP DESTINATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS.

WHY CONSIDER CANADA AS A PLACE TO STUDY?

- **Competitive tuition fees and world-class education standards:** The tuition fees for international students in Canada are lower than in the USA, UK or Australia. At the same time, students graduating from an internationally renowned institution are prepared for a great career in Canada or Worldwide.
- **Work while studying:** While completing your courses as a full-time international student in Canada, you are eligible to work unlimited hours for any Canadian employer, as a freelancer/sole proprietor or conducting entrepreneurial activities.
- **Join Canadian work force by obtaining a Post-Graduate work permit:** Upon gaining a Canadian diploma/degree, you become eligible for an Open work permit for up to 3 years. Such a permit gives you the flexibility to work for any employers, anywhere in Canada.
- **Open work permit for accompanying family member:** If you enter Canada with your spouse or common-law partner, he or she will be eligible for an Open work permit for the duration of your studies. Your family member may work for any employer in Canada including self-employment activities. Your dependent children (under age 22) will be able to attend school, benefiting from the same conditions as Canadian citizens or residents.
- **Long-term visitor record for accompanying parents:** Parents of minors* studying in Canada may qualify for lengthy resident permits (12 month and over) to accompany their minor children.

**Note: the age of majority is 18 in Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario, Prince Edward Island, Quebec and Saskatchewan; the age of majority is 19 in British Columbia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, the Northwest Territories, Nunavut and the Yukon.*

STUDY PERMIT AND CANADIAN PERMANENT RESIDENCY

Upon graduation, Study permit holders may apply for the Canadian Permanent Residency from within Canada and obtain Permanent Resident visas for themselves and immediate family members (spouse and children) without leaving Canada.

Upon graduation, Study permit holders may qualify for the **Federal Express Entry program** which is the fastest and most popular venue for most economic immigrants. Graduating from a Canadian educational institution and gaining Canadian work experience may significantly boost your overall CRS score within the Federal Express Entry program.

Study permit holders may benefit from **Provincial Nominee programs** leading to the Canadian Permanent Residency. Canadian provinces select the immigrants, based on criteria addressing their own needs. Local immigration authorities are interested in candidates who intend to build their future in their provinces. You may qualify for such a program upon graduating from a provincial institution or gaining experience in the province as a *Post-graduate work permit* holder.

HOW TO QUALIFY FOR A CANADIAN STUDY PERMIT

1- You must get an official **Letter of Admission** from a **Canadian Designated Learning Institution ("DLI")**. Only DLIs qualify you for getting a Study permit. Our legal services **could** include the search and the submission on your behalf of such a Letter of Admission from a DLI.

2- You should have sufficient funds to cover tuition fees and living expenses for the first year of your studies, which is on average CDN\$25 000 for 1 person + CDN \$4000 per each accompanying family member.

3- You should have sufficient level of English or French proficiency to be able to pursue your studies. If you are looking forward to pursuing undergraduate courses in Canada (Bachelor's degrees, College and other inferior levels) you will need a minimum IELTS score of 6.0 overall band with no less than 5.5 in each category. For postgraduate study (Masters, PhD and Doctoral degrees), you will need an overall IELTS score of 6.5 with a minimum of 6 as each band score.

4- If you have completed your studies more than 5 years ago, your *Study permit* application should provide clear reasons pertaining to your intent to study in Canada. Detailed study plan is a key element of such applications.

DESJARDINS LAWYERS MANDATE

Our mandate covers the the following services:

- Preparing and filing of the Study permit application to the Canadian immigration Authorities.
- Optional services: Choosing a suitable DLI and securing a letter of admission from the DLI.

LEGAL FEES

- If the applicant provides the letter of admission: CAN\$4000
- If the applicant doesn't provide the letter of admission: CAN\$8 000

If you or your child are interested to study in Canada, contact your **Desjardins Lawyers immigration coordinator** - we can help by representing you in this process.