

Permanent Residency

What is Permanent Resident?

A permanent resident is someone who has been given permanent resident status by [immigrating to Canada](#), but is not a [Canadian citizen](#). Permanent residents are citizens of other countries.

A person in Canada temporarily, like a student or foreign worker, is not a permanent resident.

What can permanent residents do?

As a permanent resident, you have the right to:

- get most social benefits that Canadian citizens receive, including health care coverage,
- live, work or study anywhere in Canada,
- apply for Canadian citizenship,
- protection under Canadian law and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

You must pay taxes and respect all Canadian laws at the federal, provincial and municipal levels.

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