

What is a Study Permit?

The study permit is a document we issue that allows [foreign nationals](#) to study at [designated learning institutions](#) (DLI) in Canada. Most foreign nationals need a study permit to study in Canada. Make sure you have all the documents you need before you apply. You should apply **before you travel to Canada**.

Your study permit is not a visa. It doesn't let you enter Canada. You may also need a [visitor visa or an electronic travel authorization \(eTA\)](#). If we approve your study permit, we'll issue one to you with your study permit.

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Citizens of the US applying for study permit: You may apply at the [Canada/US border](#) or [one of the visa offices](#). You will need to have all of the proper documents for a study permit application. Find those at [this link](#).

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