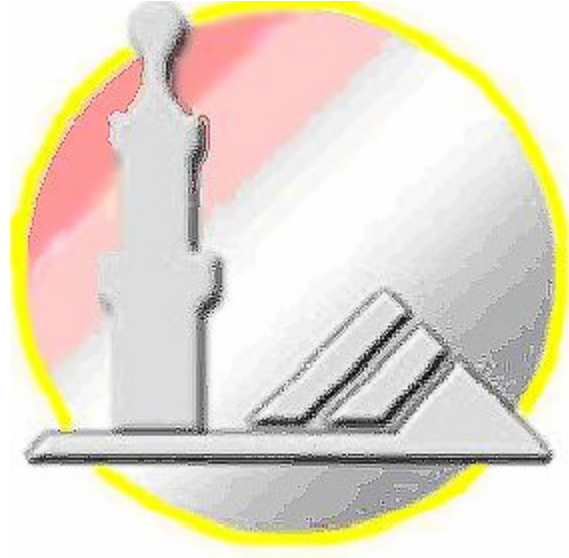


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Your Pre-Departure Guide to Canada

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Students who bring their families to Canada while they are studying need to consider some very important factors.

With the amount of time that students will have to devote to their studies and research, serious thought should be given to the activities of the spouse and family during the study period.

This section will examine some of the options available and considerations that must be addressed before you decide to bring the family for a prolonged stay.

IF YOU ARE ASKING FOR TEMPORARY STATUS FOR FAMILY MEMBERS WHO WILL BE ACCOMPANYING YOU

Be sure to provide personal information about each individual and evidence of the financial means to support them.

Spouse:

Spouses of full-time students coming to Canada who are not full-time students may seek employment on or off campus.

A Work Permit must be obtained prior to employment.

For this Work Permit the applicant must provide supporting documents to confirm that:

- He/she is the legal spouse of the student
- His/her spouse is the holder of a valid Study Permit and is a full-time student at a postsecondary institution in Canada.

The spouse Work Permit can be obtained once you and your family have arrived in Canada.

For more information and to download application forms, refer to the Web site of the Department of Citizenship and Immigration Canada at: www.cic.gc.ca

NOTE:

- Spouses wishing to attend full-time studies at a university or college will require a CAQ (In Qc) and Study Permit (except when enrolling in programs of study that are less than 6 months).
- There are also non-credit interest courses available for adults that do not require immigration approval.

Sending your children to school:

Obtaining a CAQ (in Qc) and a Study Permit for your children

Sending your children to primary or secondary schools in Quebec is an involved process for you



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KEEP IN MIND

That all students who will have children with them in Canada and intend to send them to school, **MUST** obtain a CAQ(in Qc) and a Study permit for each child **BEFORE** coming to Canada.

Accompanying school-aged children do not have to provide a letter of acceptance to be issued a Study Permit if the head of family is coming to Canada to study or work.

School registration:

Can be done once you have arrived in Canada. In the province of Quebec, elementary and secondary education is governed by regional school boards. Parents should contact the appropriate school board once they arrive in his city to find out where the nearest school is located and to obtain information concerning registration procedures.

For school registration, it is advisable to bring your children's birth certificates bearing both parents' names.

Parents who wish to send their children to private schools (tuition charged) should contact the individual schools. Fees charged by the private schools vary, but are quite substantial.

Eligibility Certificate for children studying in English

IF YOU WISH TO HAVE YOUR CHILDREN RECEIVE THEIR EDUCATION IN ENGLISH in Quebec province

In Quebec, the Charter of the French Language (Bill 101) stipulates that primary and secondary level education instruction must be provided in French.

Notwithstanding this general principle, the Charter provides for exceptions. Under the law, children may receive instruction in English if their parents are in Quebec on a temporary basis.

More specifically, the law states that the child of a person who has come to Quebec to pursue full-time studies or research activities for a period not expected to exceed 5 years, shall be granted permission to receive instruction in English.

To obtain an Eligibility

Certificate, please contact the appropriate school board once you have arrived in your city in Quebec province.

You will have to complete and submit an application form available from the school board or private institution in which you wish to enrol your child.

The school board will then initiate the proceedings to obtain an Eligibility Certificate which is granted for one year (for English education).

Certificates must be renewed every year up to **5 years**.



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Day care facilities

You may wish to use day care facilities for younger children.

Usually, there is a waiting list for enrolment, so applications should be made as early as possible.

Daycare can also be very costly. Other babysitting facilities are available from students and people in the community for approximately

\$5-\$7 or more per hour depending on the service owner or the province. These arrangements are to be made by yourself.

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