

# Coronavirus COVID-19 information for international students

Find the latest Government of Canada information about travel restrictions, study permits and more. Check back regularly for the latest updates relevant to your situation.

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## Travelling to Canada

**Note:** Starting November 30, 2021, Canada will expand the list of COVID-19 vaccines that travellers can receive to qualify as a fully vaccinated traveller to Canada. The additional vaccines will be Sinopharm, Sinovac and Covaxin, matching the World Health Organization Emergency Use Listing. See the [Government of Canada approved vaccines](#).

## Attention: Updated border measures for international students

**Starting January 15, 2022, international students 18 years and older will only be allowed to enter the country if they are [fully vaccinated](#) with one of the vaccines approved by Health Canada. Children under the age of 18 must continue to follow [testing, quarantine and other entry requirements](#).**

## Updated border measures for eligible fully vaccinated travellers entering Canada

- As of September 7, 2021, fully vaccinated foreign nationals are eligible to enter Canada for non-essential purposes. To be eligible, you must [qualify as a fully vaccinated traveller to Canada](#). [COVID-19 vaccinated travellers entering Canada](#) may be exempt from some federal quarantine and testing requirements.
- Starting January 15, 2022, to be able to enter Canada as an international student 18 years and older, you must:
  - have a valid study permit

- be fully vaccinated with [Government of Canada approved vaccines](#)
- be attending a [Designated Learning Institution \(DLI\)](#)
- meet all other [travel restrictions and exemptions for international students](#).

**All travellers must still provide a [quarantine plan](#) and be prepared to quarantine, based on advice given at the border.**

**Before traveling, ensure you meet the criteria for entry into Canada:**

- [Travel exemptions and restrictions for international students](#)
- [Use ArriveCAN app to enter Canada](#)
- [Flying to Canada requirements checklist](#)
- [Driving to Canada requirements checklist](#)

## Travelling within Canada

As of October 30, 2021, travellers departing from Canadian airports (including on domestic, transborder and international flights) and travellers on VIA Rail and rocky Mountaineer trains are [required to be fully vaccinated in order to travel](#).

Foreign nationals who reside in Canada temporarily, and who entered Canada as unvaccinated or partially vaccinated, will be allowed to leave the country without being fully vaccinated up until February 28, 2022. After that time, foreign nationals will need to be fully vaccinated to board a flight or train in Canada.

## Travel restrictions

- As of October 29, 2021, direct [commercial and private passenger flights from Morocco](#) to Canada have resumed. Travellers from Morocco eligible to enter Canada need to follow additional testing measures. For details, read the [news release](#) from Transport Canada.
- As of September 27, 2021, direct flights from India to Canada have resumed. Travellers from India eligible to enter Canada need to follow additional testing measures. For details, read the [news release](#) from Transport Canada.

## Related links

- [Backgrounder: easing border measures for fully vaccinated travellers entering Canada](#)
- [COVID-19 measures, updates, and guidance issued by Transport Canada](#)

- [Designated learning institutions reopening to international students](#)
- [Public Health Agency of Canada Infographic: fully vaccinated travellers entering Canada during COVID-19](#)

## Permits and visas

For information about how [COVID-19 is affecting immigration, refugees, citizenship and passport services](#), find the latest updates from Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC).

### Study permits

- [Apply for a study permit](#)
- [Expired study permit](#)
- [Study permit expiring soon](#)
- [Biometrics collection](#)
- [IRCC offices and visa application centres](#)

### Work permits

On February 12, 2021, the Government of Canada announced that studies completed outside of Canada up to December 31, 2021 will count towards a future [Post-Graduation Work Permit \(PGWP\)](#). You may also be able to complete your entire program online from abroad while still being eligible for a PGWP. These temporary changes apply to all international students who are enrolled in a PGWP-eligible program and meet all other [PGWP criteria](#) from IRCC.

If your PGWP is expired or expiring, you may also be eligible for a [one-time open work permit](#) of up to 18 months if you applied by July 27, 2021.

## Government of Canada COVID-19 support

The Government of Canada's [COVID-19 Economic Response Plan](#) offers supports for those facing hardship to COVID-19. International students may be eligible for programs such as the [Canada Recovery Benefit \(CRB\)](#).

Note that some programs may not be available to international students.

## Government of Canada-funded scholarship students

- Global Affairs Canada (GAC) works closely with scholarship program administrators to support its [short-term exchange programs](#) recipients. For questions or concerns about short-term

exchange programs, contact your host institution in Canada or email [scholarships-bourses@cbie.ca](mailto:scholarships-bourses@cbie.ca).

- For the latest information on Government of Canada-funded scholarships, visit [international scholarships news](#) or follow [@EduCanada.Official](#) on Facebook.

## Health care, including mental health

- Free vaccines will be available to everyone who lives in Canada over the course of 2021. Find out [how to get vaccinated near you](#) from the Public Health Agency of Canada.
- For mental health supports near you, check municipal and [provincial/territorial resources](#).
- You can also get [professional counselling, information and referrals](#) in both English and French from Kids Help Phone. The service is completely free and confidential. Reach out by [phone, text or live chat](#) or call 1-800-668-6868 to get support 24/7.
- To get more information on supports available, contact your health care coverage provider or your host institution's international students' office.
- GAC is in regular contact with Canadian education associations across the country. It is our understanding that Canadian institutions are offering mental health support to students.

## Additional Resources

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### Official Government of Canada websites

- [Outbreak update](#)
- [Travel, testing, quarantine and borders](#)
- [Symptoms and treatment](#)
- [Prevention and risks](#)
- [Taking care of your mental and physical health](#)
- [Canada's response](#)

### Official website of the World Health Organization

- [Protect yourself and others from COVID-19](#)
- [Myth busters](#)
- [Travel advice](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

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