

# High Level Requirements for Study Permit

## Proof of acceptance

Your school must send you an acceptance letter. Include the original letter with your study permit application.

If you need to take some courses before you are accepted into your program (conditional acceptance), we will only issue your study permit for the length of those courses. Once you are accepted into the main program, **you will need to apply to extend your stay as a student.**

## Proof of identity

You and each family member who comes with you to Canada must have:

- a valid passport or travel document. It must allow you to return to the country that issued it. Citizens of the United States have some options on the [identification documents](#) they can carry.
- two recent passport-size photos. The name and date of birth of the person should be written on the back of each photo.

## Proof of financial support

You must prove that you can support yourself, and the family members who come with you, while you are in Canada.

You can prove your funds with:

- proof of a Canadian bank account in your name, if you have transferred money to Canada
- Guaranteed Investment Certificate (GIC) from a participating Canadian financial institution
- proof of a student/education **loan** from a bank
- your bank statements for the past four months
- a bank draft that can be converted to Canadian dollars
- proof you paid tuition and housing fees
- a letter from the person or school giving you money or
- proof of funding paid from within Canada, if you have a scholarship or are in a Canadian-funded educational program.

**Minimum funds needed to support yourself as a student (and family members who come with you):**

## Outside Quebec

<b>Persons coming to Canada</b>	<b>Amount of funds required per year (additional to the tuition)</b>	<b>Amount of funds required per month (additional to the tuition)</b>
You (the student)	\$10,000	\$833
First family member	\$4,000	\$333
Every additional accompanying family member	\$3,000	\$255

### Example:

If you and two family members want to come to a province outside Quebec for a year, you will need:

- Tuition + \$10,000 (for the student)
- +\$4,000 (for the first family member)
- +\$3,000 (for the second family member)

**Total: Tuition + \$17,000**

## Letter of explanation

This letter helps the visa officer to understand you and your goals. It explains:

- why you want to study in Canada, and
- that you understand the responsibilities as a student.

You should include this letter if you decide to apply for a study permit even though you are exempt.