

INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL GRADUATES APPLICATION TO WORK IN CANADA – WORK PERMITS

The work permit application is for people who are not Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada and who wish to work temporarily in Canada. A work permit is issued if the application is accepted.

TIP

You do not need to hire an immigration representative, it is your choice. All the forms and instructions are provided online at no cost. Some physicians hire an immigration lawyer to assist with the work permit application.

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Work permits must be processed outside of Canada. Individuals applying for a work permit are required to present a copy of their documents to a Canadian embassy, high commission or consulate. Many visa offices have specific local instructions about which documents you must submit with your application. Consult [the list of Canadian visa offices abroad](#) to find and contact the office responsible for your country and what requirements and procedures you must follow when you apply.

TIP

Without a work permit:

- you cannot work in Canada
- you cannot purchase a home in Canada
- you cannot move household and personal goods into Canada

TIP

You and your family members will be required to undergo a medical examination before you come to Canada. To pass the medical examination you or your family members must not have a condition that:

- is a danger to public health or safety, and
- would cause excessive demand on health or social services in Canada.

Note: Information on medical instructions will be provided to you by the Canadian visa office for your country. You are not required to have a medical examination before you submit your application form(s).

Note: A medical examination may add over three months to the processing of your application.

APPLYING FOR A WORK PERMIT

The department of Citizenship and Immigration Canada manages the work permit application process. It is important to [follow the instructions on their website](#).

APPLYING FOR CANADIAN PERMANENT RESIDENCE VISA

Once you are in Canada and working, you may apply for permanent residency through the [Alberta Immigrant Nominee Program](#).