



U.S. Consulate General Toronto

Dos and Don'ts for Visa Applicants

DO:	DON'T:
✓ Plan ahead! Appointments fill up one-to-three weeks in advance, and it takes up to 5 days to receive the passport with the visa.	✗ Bring children younger than 14, no matter what your friend, agent, or lawyer says.
✓ Check if you qualify for Interview Waiver Program. You can call 437-887-1448 (from the greater Toronto area) for general visa information and to schedule visa appointments.	✗ Bring backpacks, bags, luggage, or large purses; ✗ Bring food or beverages. ✗ Bring any electronic devices – no phones, sorry!
✓ Come on time.	✗ Expect us to store items that are not permitted inside the Consulate. Unfortunately, we have no lockers or any other storage facility and cannot keep your items for you.
✓ Bring a 2"x2" passport photo taken within 6 months of your visa interview.	✗ Appear for your interview if you are ill. You can always reschedule your appointment for a later date. Feel better!
✓ Check your passport or travel document: it must be valid for 6 months beyond your U.S. stay and in good condition (e.g. not missing pages or falling apart).	✗ Make irreversible travel plans until you know the outcome of your visa interview.
✓ Bring your CV if you are studying or working in a STEM field.	✗ Forget to dress appropriately for the weather!
✓ Bring a translator if you cannot conduct the interview in English.	✗ Let your translator bring any of their family members. See our website for more info about translators.
✓ Review your application carefully before your interview; make sure you can answer questions about every field and you didn't omit anything.	✗ Expect to receive your passport with the visa the next day. It usually takes 5 days to return the documents back to you.