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## **Proof of acceptance**

### **Letter of acceptance**

Your school must provide you with a letter of acceptance (LOA). Include the original **or** electronic copy of your letter with your study permit application.

#### **Post-secondary students**

Your school will be asked to make sure your letter of acceptance is valid.

If your school does not respond by the deadline, we'll return your application and refund your processing fee. Confirm with your school that they will validate your letter of acceptance before resubmitting your application.



Make sure you **only** attach your LOA in the LOA-specific space when uploading documents for your online application. If you attach other documents in this space, you're giving your consent to disclose these additional documents to your school. All other required documents should be attached in the corresponding spaces in your online application.

## Conditional acceptance and prerequisite courses

If you've been conditionally accepted, you need to take prerequisite courses. For example, these might be English as a second language or French as a second language courses. You must complete these before you can start your main study program.

If this is the case, we'll only issue your study permit for the length of those courses plus 1 year. Once you're accepted into your main program, **you'll need to apply for a new student permit to extend your stay as a student.**

## Exceptions

If you're the family member of someone who has a study permit or work permit application that's been approved in writing before you come to Canada, you don't need a letter of acceptance.

[Provincial attestation letter →](#)

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