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Other documents you may need

Letter of explanation

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

- why you want to study in Canada
- that you understand your responsibilities as a student

You should include this letter if you decide to apply for a study permit, even if you don't have to get a study permit for your program.


Medical exam

You may need a medical exam if **any** of these situations apply to you:

- You plan to stay in Canada for more than 6 months.
- You recently spent time in certain countries.
- You plan to work in certain jobs where public health must be protected.

Find out who needs a medical exam.

Custodian declaration (minor children)

If the minor requires a custodian, you must include the Custodianship Declaration form (IMM 5646)  with your application. It has 2 pages that must be notarized (certified by a notary) and then included with your study permit application.

The custodian in Canada must sign the first page, **and** the parents or legal guardians of the minor child in the child's home country must sign the second page.

Other supporting documents

Check the visa office instructions for your country or region for local requirements.

If you aren't currently in your home country, you may have to prove your immigration status in the country you apply from.

If the government that issued your passport or travel document needs you to have a re-entry permit, you must get one before you apply for a Canadian visa. You may also need other documents.

Find out [what to do if we asked you to provide a supporting document for your application](#).

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