

FAQs

Frequently Asked Questions



What is the difference between University and College in Canada?



- In Canada the most important difference between a college and university education are the qualification you will hold after graduating and the types of jobs for which you will qualify. Positions offered by the government and large private companies such as for research will often require a university degree.
- College Diplomas and Post Graduate Certifications can place you in a position to compete for very good jobs in specialized fields. College graduates often have the upper hand over university graduates when applying to positions that require applied training.

What is the eligibility criteria for Canada?



UG Programs

- Minimum Grade 12 with 55-60% for Diplomas and 65-70 % for Bachelors Degree.
- IELTS Score of minimum 6.0 with no band less than 6.0 bands for SDS and 6.0 with no band less than 5.5 for non SDS institutions.
- Education gap should not exceed 2-3 years.

PG Programs

- Bachelors Degree with 50-55%.
- IELTS Score of minimum 6.5 with no band less than 6.0 bands.
- Education gap should not exceed 5 years for Colleges.
- Backlogs should not exceed 6 - 8 for most of the colleges.

Masters

- Bachelors Degree with 65-70%.
- IELTS Score of minimum 6.5 with no band less than 6.0 bands.
- Education gap should not exceed 8-10 years (for MBA).
- Backlogs should not exceed 3-4 for Universities.

- If a student has completed graduation and scored IELTS of 6 bands overall and wishes to continue education in the same field but does not want to retake IELTS then what options can we suggest?
- In such cases the students can go for UG diplomas of 2 years in specialized fields
- For E.g. A student having completed Bachelors in Computer Science can go for Diploma in Networking/Diploma in Programming etc.

What are the maximum number of backlogs accepted by Canadian institutions?

- Maximum number of backlogs accepted varies depending on the individual criterion of Canadian institutions.
- Generally, colleges accept backlogs ranging from 6-8.
- Some institutions like Conestoga College, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Vancouver Island University, Durham College, Saskatchewan Polytechnic can accept profiles with up to 10 backlogs.
- No. of backlogs acceptable
 - 3 year degree – 6 backlogs
 - 4 year degree – 8 backlogs





- All the Technical Master's programs require 16 years of Education.
- There are few institutions accepting 15 years of education for MBA programs.
- 15 years of education is generally acceptable for all PG Diplomas except for few technical courses requiring an engineering degree.

What are the Scholarship Opportunities in Canada?



- As the Tuition fees are quite low scholarship opportunities are limited in Canada.
- Students having an academic percentage of 75% and above may be awarded scholarships by the institution.

Scholarships



Sr No.	Name of the Institution	Amount of scholarships offered
1	University Canada West	Total scholarship value for the duration of an Undergraduate Program \$8,000 to \$12,000 Total scholarship value for the duration of a Graduate Program \$5,000 to \$7,500
2	Vancouver Island University	CAD 5,000 (CAD 2,500 awarded for the first year of study and CAD 2,500 for the second year)
3	New York Institute of Technology	CAD 2000 for full course
4	Lakehead University	CAD 4000 per year
5	Kings University College	CAD 1500 to CAD 3500 depending upon the percentage of the student
6	Brock University	CAD 4000 – 10000 for entire course
7	University of Guelph	CAD 2000 – 8500 for entire course

Scholarships



Sr No.	Name of the Institution	Amount of scholarships offered
8	University of Windsor	CAD 250 – 1000 per semester
9	Trent University	CAD 1500 entrance scholarship
10	University of Victoria	CAD 3000 - 10000
11	Fairleigh Dickinson University	CAD 8500
12	Trinity Western University	CAD 4800 – 7200 President Scholarship
13	University of Regina	CAD 3000

GRE/SAT/ACT is not a mandatory requirement for programs in Canada.
However GRE may be required by some high ranked universities for Masters.

SAT / ACT / GRE

Are there any Institutions accepting Distance Learning in Canada?



- Distance Learning is acceptable in Canada by few Institutions as listed below:
- Thompson Rivers University
- Vancouver Island University
- Conestoga College
- Fanshawe College
- Canadore College
- George Brown College

* Conditions apply



What is Custodianship?



- The age of majority is different in each province and territory in Canada, although it is usually 18 or 19 years of age. Anyone under the age of majority is considered to be a minor.
- Unaccompanied minors wishing to obtain a study permit must appoint a custodian who will care for and support them while in Canada. Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) requires a notarized declaration, which has been signed by the minor's parents in the country of origin and the custodian in Canada.
- A custodian can be a family member, trusted friend or member of the institution which the minor is attending. For more information about finding a custodian, we can contact the international student office of the institution where the minor child plans to study.

- Notarized documents are not compulsory and are required by some of the Canadian colleges only.
- Before accepting any documents from the student one should always check the originals to avoid any chances of fake documents.



What is the difference between Co-op and Internship?



Co-operative education programs, commonly referred to as co-ops and internships both provide students with the opportunity to gain work experience in their career fields.

- Co-ops provide students with a more in-depth and extensive work experience which can give students an edge over their peers.
- Students who participate in co-ops stop taking classes to work full time. Co-ops are typically paid and last anywhere from three to 12 months.
- Internships can be paid or unpaid, shorter in duration and are mostly done in the summer when students are out of school.



What is the difference between S1 and SW visa?

- S1 is study only Visa.
- SW1 is study and work visa.
(Usually given to those students who are going for a Co-op program).

Who all can sponsor a student for Canada visa?



- Student's parents should ideally sponsor them for Visa.
- The sponsor can also be the students themselves, spouse, siblings, paternal and maternal grandparents.
- Third party sponsorship should not be more than 30% of the entire expense.



What is CAQ?



- Québec Certificate of Acceptance (CAQ) - International students whose program in Québec lasts more than six months should be authorized to study by the ministère de l'Immigration, de la Diversité et de l'Inclusion (MIDI).
- If any student is applying for any colleges in Quebec, it is necessary that they first apply for a CAQ and then for Visa.
- There is an online application process for CAQ and the turn around time to receive the same is 5 -7 weeks.
- Mentioned below is the link to apply for a CAQ
<https://www.immigration-quebec.gouv.qc.ca/en/electronic-services/caq-electronic/index.html>
- Application fee for the same is CAD 117.

- I.T. return of last 2 years + Form 16 (If working)
- Bank balance in Saving Account (updated statement required)
- PF/PPF/GPF Statement
- All types of Postal Investment / All types of Fixed Deposit
- Loan letter from Nationalized banks
- Guaranteed Investment Certificate
- Bills of Crops

