

Canada Ultimate Masterclass

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HOW TO CONVERT A VISITOR VISA TO WORK PERMIT WITHOUT LEAVING CANADA.

On February 28, 2023, IRCC announced that foreign nationals currently in Canada on a visitor visa and who have a valid job offer would continue to be able to apply for and receive a work permit without having to leave the country. The temporary public policy has been extended by 2 years until February 28, 2025.

- Apply for Visitor Visa
- Converting Visitor Visa to Work Permit in Canada
- Getting a Job Offer
- Visitor Visa to Work Permit (without LMIA)
- Interim Authorization to Work

1. Apply for a Visitor Visa (TRV)

LINK: <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/visit-canada/apply-visitor-visa.html>

The first logical step to convert visitor visa to work permit in Canada is to become a Canadian visitor. You need to understand the following requirements before applying for a visitor visa (Temporary Resident Visa – TRV) for Canada.

Visitor Visa Fees and Requirements

- The application fee for a visitor visa is \$100 CAD, while the biometrics charge is \$85 CAD.
- A cost of \$100 CAD per person is required to extend your visitor visa. You must pay a visa cost of \$200 CAD to regain your visiting status.
- Prove that you will leave the country after your visit.

- Prove that you have sufficient funds to maintain yourself and any accompanying family members while in Canada.
- Be in good health and be willing to conduct a medical exam if required.
- Not have any criminal record; be willing to get a police verification done.
- Be able to provide all supporting documents at the request of the visa officer.

WE HAVE A COMPLETE BREAKDOWN OF THE PROCESS AS PART OF THE ULTIMATE GUIDE PROCESS. YOU CAN CHECK THE MATERIAL FOR THE COMPLETE PROCESS.

- **Converting Visitor Visa to Work Permit in Canada**

To be eligible to apply, an applicant looking to benefit from this temporary public policy must

- Have valid status in Canada as a visitor on the day they apply
- Have a job offer that is supported by a labour market impact assessment (LMIA) or an LMIA-exempt offer of employment
- Submit an application for an employer-specific work permit no later than February 28, 2025

- **Getting a Job Offer and a LMIA**

After you enter Canada, you have limited time to apply for a job and get a positive LMIA. Not to mention, getting a job offer is an extremely difficult process in itself. So it is better that you do your homework properly. Let's explain this point in detail.

Research For The Job

1. Understand the labour market opportunities in your destination.
2. Match your NOC code with the in-demand jobs in that area.
3. Apply for Jobs online through Indeed, LinkedIn, Glassdoor, etc.
4. Apply directly to the employer's website.
5. Friends and family can help to find employment opportunities.

After you get a positive LMIA from a Canadian employer, you can apply for a work permit from inside Canada.

- **Visitor Visa to Work Permit (without LMIA)**

You can get an open work permit without LMIA only:

1. If your spouse / common-law partner has a study permit and is studying in a DLI, you can apply for an open work permit as a temporary visitor.
2. If your spouse / common-law partner has a work permit and is working in occupations specified in NOC 0, A, and B, you can apply for a work permit as a visitor visa holder.

3. If your spouse / common-law partner is waiting for PR and has “approval in principal” status, you may apply for a work permit as a visitor.
4. If you have applied for PR under Spousal Sponsorship, then you can apply for a work permit while you’re waiting for the decision.

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