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International Student Program Initial Study Permit Application Information

All international students in Grades 1-12 studying at Whistler Waldorf School require a valid study permit.

A study permit gives you permission to study and stay in Canada on a temporary basis.

- You need your study permit application approved before you come to Canada, and you must apply for your initial study permit **outside Canada**.
- Start the application process **as soon as** you receive your offer of admission from Whistler Waldorf School to ensure you get your permit in time.
- If your study permit application is approved, you will be issued a **Letter of Introduction** (sometimes referred to as a Letter of Approval or an Approval Letter).
- You must present this letter to the border officer when you arrive at the Canadian border.
- The officer will then issue your study permit at the border.

 Citizenship and Immigration Canada / Citoyenneté et Immigration Canada
June 09, 2016

Unique Client Identifier: [Your Universal Client ID] Application Number: [Your Application Number]



[Your Name]
[Your Address]

Dear [Your Name],

Your application to study in Canada has been approved. A permit authorizing your studies will be issued to you on your arrival to Canada following an examination by an officer of the Canada Border Services Agency, subject to your compliance with the requirements of the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* and its Regulations. The officer will ask to see this letter, your passport and may request to see your supporting documents, such as the letter of acceptance from your educational institution. Do not pack these or other valuable papers in your checked luggage. You can find out more about which documents you will need to bring with you by visiting www.cic.gc.ca/english/study/study-arriving.asp

As you gather your documents, please take note of the following:

- **This letter is not a passport or travel document.** You will not be permitted to board your flight without your passport, even if you have this letter with you.
- **This letter is not an authorization permitting you to enter or remain in Canada.** An officer of the Canada Border Services Agency will make that determination upon your arrival to Canada.
- **This letter is important** because it contains information that will be used by the Canada Border Services Agency to issue your study permit. Please do not misplace it.

You must seek entry to Canada to obtain your study permit by 2018/03/21 (yyyy/mm/dd). Your passport must be valid beyond the period you intend to remain in Canada. If not, the validity of your study permit will not be issued beyond the expiry date of your passport, or, for United States citizens and permanent residents, the validity date of your identity document.

Note: As an international student in Canada, it is your responsibility to ensure that you continue to meet the conditions of your study permit, including the requirement to actively pursue studies. Your study permit will automatically become invalid 90 days after you complete your study program, regardless of the expiry date indicated on your study permit. For more information, please consult: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/study/index.asp>

STUDY PERMIT



When to apply	Apply as soon as you get accepted to Whistler Waldorf School and have been issued a Letter of Acceptance & Declaration of Custodianship (if staying in a homestay)
How long it will take	<p>IRCC processing times vary widely. Check typical processing times for your country on the IRCC website.</p> <p>It can take several months to get approved for a study permit so it's important to apply as soon as possible.</p>
How you can apply	<p>RECOMMENDED OPTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online through the IRCC website <p>ALTERNATE OPTIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In person at a Visa Application Centre (VAC) • By mail to the appropriate visa office <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Download the paper application in the "Apply on paper" section of the IRCC website
Form name	Use the <i>Application for a Study Permit Made Outside of Canada [IMM 1294]</i> form.
Cost	\$150 CAD