

COVID-19 FACTSHEETS: INSIDE CANADA

How the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is affecting immigration, refugees, citizenship and passport services: visitors, foreign workers and students

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<b>Visitors, international students or temporary foreign workers in Canada</b>	
<b>If your visitor, study or work status has expired</b>	
Visitor and Student	If it's been less than 90 days since your status expired You can apply to restore your status.
Worker	If your Work Permit has expired and you wish to stay in Canada, you may apply for <b>restoration of status within 90 days of your permit expiry date or you must leave Canada.</b>
	<b>Work Permit: LMIA exempt</b>  <b>My IEC work permit is expiring soon and I cannot find a flight out of Canada. What should I do?</b>

You need to maintain legal status in Canada at all times. If your work permit is about to expire and you cannot return home, you need to apply to stay as a visitor. You need to apply for this status before your work permit expires.

Once you have submitted an application to change your status to “visitor”, you will have what is called implied status. This will allow you to continue to stay in Canada as a visitor until a decision is made on your application. You will not be able to work during this time unless you have the proper authorization (for example a valid work permit).

If your existing work permit has expired, you may apply to restore your status, but you need to apply within 90 days of the expiration date of your work permit.

**My Port of Entry Letter of Introduction expires soon and I am in Canada. What do I do? Can I travel to a Canadian port of entry to activate my work permit?**

You should not travel to a port of entry to apply directly to a border services officer at this time. Travelling to a port of entry from inside Canada to get immigration services is not considered **essential travel**.

Please check the website regularly as procedures may be put in place to allow IEC participants to activate work permits from within Canada. In the interim, you must ensure that you maintain your current immigration status while in Canada.

**Change in condition of Work Permit**

If you are currently working in Canada and want to change conditions on your

	<p>work permit (e.g. change length, employer or occupation), you must apply and obtain a <b>new work permit</b>.</p> <p>You should always apply at least 30 days before your status expires.</p> <p>Special circumstances presented in this guide can an initial work permit be applied for within Canada:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● you presently hold a valid study or work permit;</li> <li>● you are the spouse of a study or work permit holder;</li> <li>● you were previously authorized to work without a permit;</li> <li>● you presently hold a valid Temporary Resident Permit;</li> <li>● you are a refugee claimant or an applicant for permanent residence in Canada under section 207 of the IRPR, or</li> <li>● you are a trader or investor, intra-company transferee or professional under NAFTA.</li> </ul>
<p><b>If your visitor, study or work status hasn't expired</b></p>	
<p><b>Visitor</b></p>	<p>If you're a visitor, you can apply for a <b>visitor record</b> to extend your stay in Canada.</p> <p>Processing Time: <b>103 days</b></p> <p><b>A visitor record</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● is a document that gives you status as a visitor in Canada and allows you to stay longer</li> <li>● includes a new expiry date <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ that's the new date that you must leave Canada by</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>When to apply for a visitor record</b></p>

	<p>You must apply for a visitor record before your current status expires. If you're not sure when your status expires, find out how long you can stay in Canada.</p> <p><b>Most visitors can stay in Canada for up to 6 months.</b></p>
	<p><b>If you are a student or visitor, making a living has become difficult and cannot travel back to his home country. ( Similar to <a href="#">destitute students</a> )</b></p> <p>You're a Visitor who can no longer support themselves financially</p> <p>You may be eligible for an open work permit if you can no longer pay for your day-to-day needs for reasons beyond your control.</p> <p>You must include a letter of explanation with your work permit application that outlines the reasons why you're now destitute.</p> <p>An immigration officer will need to interview you to determine if you're eligible.</p> <p>You also need to meet the general eligibility requirements for a work permit.</p>
	<p><b>Visitor to Work Permit ( At the Border )</b></p> <p>Change of status from visitor to LMIA and LMIA exempt work permit at the border is possible but not recommended. But if you want to proceed - contact the superintendent at the Border and explain situation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Has to be Significant economic impact</li> <li>- 1-800-461-9999 (Chose the border officer - Ask for superintendent )</li> </ul>
<p><b>Work Permit</b></p>	<p><b>Option 1:</b> If you're no longer working, you can</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• apply to change your status to visitor, as long as your work permit has</li> </ul>

	<p>not expired</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• find out <u>how to extend your stay in Canada as a visitor</u></li> </ul>
	<p><b>Option 2:</b> If you want to continue working, you may be able to extend your <u>work permit</u> or <u>study permit</u> if you're eligible.</p> <p>When you apply, make sure you include a note explaining why you need to extend your stay in Canada.</p>
	<p><b>Work Permit Extension:</b></p> <p><b>LMIA based work permit:</b> I want to extend my expiring work permit, but I don't have a new LMIA. What should I do?</p> <p>You can submit your application without a Labour Market Impact Assessment (LMIA) if your work permit expires <b>within 2 weeks</b>. You must include proof that the LMIA was made.</p> <p><b>You must:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• include a copy of the application sent to Employment and Social Development Canada or</li> <li>• include a copy of the receipt confirmation number, if the request was made online, or</li> <li>• indicate, in the section Details of Intended Work in Canada of the work permit application: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ the date the LMIA request was sent,</li> <li>○ the office it was sent to,</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ the employer's name, and</li> <li>○ the confirmation number for the submission, if available.</li> <li>● You must contact our Client Support Centre with the LMIA confirmation number within 2 months of the date your application was received; otherwise, your application could be refused.</li> </ul>
<b>You can Start working after WP application</b>	Foreign workers with closed work permits may now start working with their new employer before IRCC renders a final decision on their application. It would be great to see the same flexibility for visitors in Canada with approved job offers
	<b>Situation 2: Work Permit: LMIA exemption - Chose Option 2</b>
	<p><b>Implied status:</b> When you have applied for Visa extension you go on <b>Implied status:</b></p> <p><i>If you have implied status, you can keep working if you've applied to extend your stay in Canada as a worker. However, you can only keep working: for the same employer; under the same conditions.</i></p>
<b>Workers need to be paid during quarantine period</b>	ESDC Wages - 14days quarantine they need to substantially the same as per LMIA, if their contract mentions they have work 40 hours, they have to pay minimum of 30 hours
<b>Permanent Resident applying for Citizenship</b>	<b>Language test</b>

**CELPIP:** As of April 17 BC has already started three test Centres, Alberta will follow soon. We are trying to set up a mobile test center for CELPIP in NWT when the borders will open.

**IELTS:** In light of the evolving COVID-19 pandemic, we have made the difficult decision to suspend all IELTS tests offered by the Conestoga College IELTS Test Centre, effective immediately. At this time, testing has been suspended until September 2020.

**TEF Canada:** Until further notice, all tests and exams are postponed.