

Canada Study Permit — Document Checklist

To study in Canada you need a Letter of Acceptance from a Designated Learning Institution. Most college and bachelor's applicants also need a Provincial or Territorial Attestation Letter (PAL/TAL); since 1 January 2026, master's and doctoral students at public institutions are exempt. IRCC checks your study plan, finances and ties to India. The Student Direct Stream closed in November 2024, so all Indian students apply through the regular stream.

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Tick each box as you put the document in your file. **Required** = asked for in the official instructions. **Supporting** = carry if it applies to you; the officer may ask for it.

Mandatory documents

☐	Valid passport	REQUIRED
☐	Letter of Acceptance (LOA) From a DLI; verified by the institution.	REQUIRED
☐	Provincial / Territorial Attestation Letter (PAL/TAL) Required for most college and bachelor's applicants. Master's and PhD students at public DLIs are exempt from 1 January 2026.	REQUIRED
☐	Proof of funds First-year tuition + IRCC's living-cost amount for a single student (over CAD 22,000 a year outside Quebec; IRCC updates it — check the current figure) + travel. GIC, education loan or bank statements.	REQUIRED
☐	Statement of Purpose / study plan Why this programme, why Canada, career plan, ties to India.	REQUIRED
☐	Medical exam From an IRCC panel physician — either upfront or when IRCC asks for it.	SUPPORTING
☐	Language test results IELTS / PTE / TOEFL / CELPIP as required by your institution.	SUPPORTING
☐	Digital photo & biometrics	REQUIRED

Academic & financial support

☐	Academic transcripts and certificates 10th, 12th, degree.	REQUIRED
☐	Tuition fee payment receipt First-year or first-semester payment proof.	SUPPORTING
☐	GIC certificate Guaranteed Investment Certificate from a participating bank.	SUPPORTING
☐	Education loan sanction letter	SUPPORTING
☐	Parents' ITR, bank statements and income proof If sponsored by parents.	SUPPORTING
☐	Gap explanation & work experience letters If there's a gap in studies.	SUPPORTING

Tips before you submit

- Your study plan should be personal and specific — template SOPs are easy to spot.
- Make sure your PAL/TAL and LOA are from the same institution and intake.
- Check IRCC for the latest proof-of-funds amount; it's revised regularly.

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