

Citizenship & Immigration

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If you require information about immigrating, working, studying or visiting Canada please phone Citizenship and Immigration Canada's call centre at 1-888-242-2100 or visit their website at www.cic.gc.ca

I would like to apply for my permanent residency. How do I go about doing this?

- 1) Visit <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/immigrate/index.asp>
- 2) There are several different categories under which you can apply for your permanent residency. You can use this site to navigate through the different categories ranging from: Family Class, Economic Class, Federal Skilled Worker Class, Refugees, Canadian Experience Class and a few others. Note that for each category the application process is not the same and requires different forms.
- 3) Click on 'Apply to immigrate'
- 4) Select the category that applies to you.
- 5) Once you have determined under which category you fall, click on the link labelled 'Apply'
- 6) Each link has detailed step-by-step instructions. Some also offer 'Document checklist' links in order to make sure that you have all necessary documents.
- 7) Once you have gathered all necessary documents, followed the step-by-step instructions and mailed your package, click on the link labelled 'After you apply: get next steps.' This link will give you estimated waiting times and will help you through the process of changing information within your application if you move or any other personal information change.
- 8) If you need help during this process call 1-888-242-2100

Sponsoring a Relative

If you are a Canadian Citizen or a Permanent Resident, you have the option of sponsoring a family member. To be considered eligible for sponsorship, all you have to do is prove the sustainability of your financial situation. For further information on how to sponsor a relative please call 1-888-242-2100 or go online to www.cic.gc.ca/english/immigrate/sponsor/index.asp

Becoming a Canadian Citizen

If you have been living in Canada, as an immigrant, for up to 3 years, you can become a Canadian. In Canada we offer dual citizenship to immigrants, allowing you to be a citizen of Canada as well as your native country.

What are the requirements to become a Canadian citizen?

- You must be at least 18 years of age
- You must be a permanent resident
- You must have lived in Canada for at least 1,460 days during the six years immediately before the date of your application
- You must speak either some English or French
- You must know about Canada's history, values, institutions and symbols
- You must know your rights and responsibilities as a Canadian
- You cannot have a criminal record
- You must declare your intent to reside during the citizenship application process
- You must have met your personal income tax filing obligations in four taxation years.

How do I apply to become a Canadian Citizen?

- 1) You can either call 1-888-242-2100 or visit their website for an application package at <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/citizenship/become-how.asp#step1> Each family member needs to fill out a form
- 2) Next mail the applications to the address noted on the bottom of the forms and pay the application fee
- 3) If you are eligible and you are between 18-54 years, you will be asked to take the Citizenship test. You can find information about the test at <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/citizenship/cit-test.asp>. You can practice by going to www.yourlibrary.ca/citizenship
- 4) If you pass the test you will be invited to a citizenship ceremony. Here, you will take the oath of citizenship and receive a certificate of Canadian citizenship. If you do not pass the second time, you will be asked to appear for a 30-90 minute interview with a citizenship officer. At that interview, the judge will ask you the test questions orally so you can show that you meet the language and knowledge requirements.