

Arriving with a Family: What You Need to Know



Important: You must keep your family “In-Status” for your entire stay in Canada. Be sure to ask CIC if your spouse and children are covered for the full duration of your permit. If not, know the dates by which your spouse and children need to renew their status. Do not let any member of your family lose status at any time.



Visitor Status Renewal:

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/applications/visitor.asp>

Work Permit for Spouse of Skilled Worker:

<http://www.irishcanadianimmigrationcentre.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Work-Permits-for-Spouses-of-Skilled-Workers.pdf>

Study Permits for Minor Children:

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/resources/tools/temp/students/minor.asp>

Work Permits for Dependent Children:

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/helpcentre/answer.asp?q=201&t=17>

and (if 18 or older)

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/iec-eic/>

Study Permits for College or University Students:

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/study/study.asp>

CIC Immigrant Services in Your Area

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/newcomers/map/services.asp>



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Free Family Activities

Family Activities can be found on our website under 'essential guides' or follow this link:

<http://www.irishcanadianimmigrationcentre.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Family-Activities-2.pdf>

Also, for community involvement, please see the section of our website marked Irish Organizations in Canada:

<http://www.irishcanadianimmigrationcentre.org/feel-at-home/>

Cost of Living

<http://www.irishcanadianimmigrationcentre.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Cost-of-Living.pdf>

Health Care

Provincial Coverage

<http://www.irishcanadianimmigrationcentre.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/Health-Cards.pdf>

Walk in Clinics

<http://www.irishcanadianimmigrationcentre.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/Walk-in-Clinics.pdf>

FB Groups for Families



Along with our FB page (Irish Canadian Immigration Centre) and the regular Irish in Canada FB pages, here are some which are specifically geared towards Irish families making Canada home:

Irish Parents in Toronto: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/691510254196865/?fref=ts>

Irish and New in Canada Ladies: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Irishladies2013/?fref=ts>

Irish Families in Vancouver: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/512023842276816/>

Irish Families Making Calgary Home:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Irishfamiliesmakingcalgaryhome/?fref=ts>

Registering Your Children for School

Toronto

Toronto District School Board: <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/AboutUs/Registration.aspx>

Toronto Catholic School Board - Admissions and Registration:

<http://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/AdmissionsandRegistration/Pages/default.aspx>

Calgary

Calgary Board of Education Registering for School:

<http://www.cbe.ab.ca/registration/registration/Pages/default.aspx>

Calgary Catholic School Board: <http://www.cssd.ab.ca/parents/registration/>

Edmonton

Edmonton Public Schools: <https://epsb.ca/schools/register/>

Edmonton Catholic Schools: <https://www.ecsd.net/SchoolProfiles/Pages/Registration.aspx>

Vancouver

Vancouver School Board: <http://www.vsb.bc.ca/school-registration>

Catholic Independent Schools Vancouver Archdiocese: <http://www.cisva.bc.ca/>

Saskatoon

Saskatoon Public Schools:

<http://www.spsd.sk.ca/registration/Pages/default.aspx>

Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools: http://www.scs.sk.ca/our_schools/

Regina

Catholic School Division:

<http://www.rcsd.ca/?q=node/11>

Regina Public Schools:

<http://www.rbe.sk.ca/our-schools/redesigning-regina-public-schools>

Ottawa

Ottawa-Carleton District School Board: <http://www.ocdsb.ca/par/reg/pages/default.aspx>

Ottawa Catholic School Board: <http://ocsb.ca/board/administration/departments/admissions>

St. John's

English District School Board:

<https://www.nlesd.ca/schools/schooldirectory.jsp>

Childcare



Toronto

<http://www.ontario.ca/children-and-youth/find-and-pay-child-care>

and

<http://www1.toronto.ca/wps/portal/contentonly?vnextoid=ff825e0076113410VgnVCM10000071d60f89RCRD>

YMCA Childcare and Family Programs: <http://www.ymcagta.org/en/families/child-care-programs/>

Toronto District School Board FAQ Childcare:

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/EarlyYears/ChildCare/FrequentlyAskedQuestions.aspx>

Toronto Catholic District School Board Childcare:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/EarlyYears/ChildCare/Pages/default.aspx>

Calgary

<http://humanservices.alberta.ca/family-community/child-care-find-child-care.html>

and

<http://www.calgary.ca/CSPS/CNS/Pages/Children-and-youth/Calgary-AfterSchool/Calgary-AfterSchool.aspx?redirect=/afterschool>

YMCA Daycare: <http://www.ymcacalgary.org/program-descriptions/daycare/>

Calgary Board of Education Childcare: <http://schools.cbe.ab.ca/b205/childcare.htm>

Calgary Catholic District School Board After-School Daycare:

http://www.ccis-calgary.ab.ca/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=213:out-of-school-care&Itemid=166

Edmonton

<http://humanservices.alberta.ca/family-community/child-care-find-child-care.html>

YMCA:

<http://www.northernalberta.ymca.ca/FindaLocation/YMCAChildCareCentres/YMCALicensedChildCare/tabid/675/Default.aspx>

Edmonton Public Schools Childcare: <https://www.epsb.ca/schools/findaschool/childcare/>

Vancouver

<http://www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/childcare/>

YMCA: <http://www.vanymca.org/childcare/>

Vancouver School Board: <http://www.vsb.bc.ca/info-early-learners>

Regina

<http://www.saskatchewan.ca/live/education-learning-and-child-care/find-a-child-care-provider-in-my-community>

YWCA Regina: <http://www.ywcaregina.com/Programs/ChildFamily/ChildCareCentre.html>

Saskatoon

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/live/education-learning-and-child-care/find-a-child-care-provider-in-my-community>

YMCA: <http://ymcasaskatoon.org/childcare/childcare-centers>

Early Learning and Childcare Programs: <http://www.education.gov.sk.ca/elcc-program>

Greater Saskatoon Catholic School Daycare: http://www.scs.sk.ca/general_information/

Ottawa

<http://www.ontario.ca/children-and-youth/find-and-pay-child-care>

YMCA: <http://www.ymcaywca.ca/Children/childcare/licencedchildcare>

Early Learning Services (Ottawa Catholic School Board):
<http://ocsb.ca/board/administration/departments/early-learning-services>

Ottawa-Carleton School Board:
<http://www.ocdsb.ca/programs/extendeddayprogram/pages/default.aspx>

St. John's

Education and Childcare City of St. John's:
<http://www.stjohns.ca/living-st-johns/newcomers/education-and-childcare>

Childcare Subsidy Information

Ontario

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/childcare/paying.html#subsidy>

Alberta

<http://humanservices.alberta.ca/financial-support/15104.html>

British Columbia

http://www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/childcare/subsidy_promo.htm

<http://www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/childcare/eligibility.htm>

Saskatchewan



<http://www.socialservices.gov.sk.ca/childcare>

Manitoba

<https://direct.gov.mb.ca/cdhtml/html/internet/en/index.html?>

Quebec

http://www.gouv.qc.ca/portail/quebec/international/general/quebec/mode_de_vie/gardereries/?lang=en

Nova Scotia

<http://novascotia.ca/coms/families/childcare/ChildCareSubsidy.html>

New Brunswick

http://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/services/services_renderer.14136.Day_Care_Assistance_Program.html#serviceDescription

Newfoundland

<http://www.gov.nl.ca/cyfs/childcare/childcaresubsidy.html>

Driving in Canada

<http://www.irishcanadianimmigrationcentre.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Driving-in-Canada.pdf>

Public Transport

Toronto: <http://www.ttc.ca/>

Calgary: <http://www.calgarytransit.com/>

Edmonton: <http://www.edmonton.ca/transportation/edmonton-transit-system-ets.aspx>

Vancouver: <http://www.translink.ca/>

Regina: <http://www.regina.ca/residents/transit-services>

Saskatoon: <https://transit.saskatoon.ca/>

Ottawa: <http://www.octranspo1.com/splash>

St. John's: <http://www.metrobus.com/home.asp>

Counselling for Children

Most school boards across Canada provide access to mental health services for children (including counselling services).

Toronto Catholic District School Board: <http://www.tcdsb.org/Pages/Mental-Health-Strategy.aspx>

Toronto District School Board:

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/News/ArticleDetails/TabId/116/ArtMID/474/default.aspx?ArticleID=482>

Calgary Catholic School District: <http://www.cssd.ab.ca/students/guidance-counselling/>

Calgary Board of Education: <http://cbe.ab.ca/about-us/school-culture-and-environment/Pages/Positive-Mental-Health.aspx>

Edmonton Catholic Schools: <https://www.ecsd.net/ParentsStudents/ParentResources/Pages/A-Safe-Caring-Nurturing-Environment.aspx>

Edmonton Public Schools: <https://www.epsb.ca/programs/specializedprograms/mentalhealth/>

The Regina Catholic School Division:
<http://www.rcsd.ca/?q=node/43>

Regina Public Schools:
http://www.rqhealth.ca/inside/district_news/news_regina_youth_manage_stress.shtml

Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools:
<http://www.gscs.sk.ca/sps/>

Saskatoon Public Schools:
<http://www.spsd.sk.ca/Pages/default.aspx>

Vancouver School Board:
<http://www.vsb.bc.ca/programs/hamber-house-adolescent-day-treatment-program>

Catholic Independent Schools of the Vancouver Archdiocese: <http://www.cisva.bc.ca/>

Winnipeg School Division:
<https://www.winnipeg.sd.ca/PROGRAMS/counselling/Pages/default.aspx>

Catholic Schools Archdiocese of Winnipeg: http://www.archwinnipeg.ca/catholic_schools.php

Ottawa Catholic School Board:
<http://ocsb.ca/schools/know-your-school/healthy-schools/wellness>

Ottawa-Carleton District School Board:
<http://www.ocdsb.ca/com/pages/mentalhealthresources.aspx>

Newfoundland and Labrador English School District:
http://www.ed.gov.nl.ca/edu/k12/studentssupportservices/Mental_Health_Directory_2013_Feb_8_2013%AD_update.pdf

Kids Help Phone

1-800-668-6868

In a Crisis

(Food Banks, Family Services, Assaulted Women's Help Lines, Shelters, St. Vincent de Paul, Embassy of Ireland etc.)

<http://www.irishcanadianimmigrationcentre.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/In-a-Crisis.pdf>

Child Benefits

Universal Childcare Benefit

<http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/bnfts/uccb-puge/menu-eng.html>

Canada Child Tax Benefit

<http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/bnfts/cctb/menu-eng.html>

Child Disability Benefit (CDB)

<http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/bnfts/dsblty-eng.html>

National Child Benefit

<http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/bnfts/ncb-eng.html>

Claiming Child Care Expenses on Your Taxes

<http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/ndvdl/tpcs/ncm-tx/rtrn/cmpltng/ddctns/Ins206-236/214/menu-eng.html>

