

Permanent Residency Cards

Urgent processing of permanent resident cards:

If you are in Canada and have not applied and if your travel date is more than three weeks away:



1. Fill out the application as shown in applying for a permanent resident card.
2. Include a photocopy of your proof of travel and proof of payment with your application.

The proof of travel, such as tickets or an itinerary, must show:

- the dates you will be traveling,
- your personal information such as your full name, and
- Your destination (where you are going).
- The proof of payment can be part or full price for your travel. It must show:
 - the date that you paid,
 - the amount paid, and
 - How you paid.
 - If you do not send all this information, CIC may not process your application urgently. They will process it normally.

3. On your envelope, write:

Urgent — Proof of travel included

Next Steps: Within 10 business days, you can check the status of your application online.

If your travel date is in less than three weeks:

CIC cannot get a PR card to you before you leave Canada. Follow the steps for how you can return to Canada without a PR card.

Returning to Canada without a PR card:

I need to leave Canada and I do not have a PR card. Can I later return to Canada without a PR card?

CIC does not mail permanent resident cards (PR cards) to addresses outside Canada. Please choose the option below that describes your case.

If your card has been **lost, stolen or destroyed, you need to tell CIC.**

If you plan to return in a commercial vehicle, like a plane or bus: you must apply for a travel document at a visa office outside Canada before you return to Canada. You should also check with the commercial operator (for example, the airline or bus company you will be using) to see what documents they need.

If you return in a private vehicle, like your own car: you do not need a permanent resident card. You can use your Record of Landing (IMM 1000) or Confirmation of Permanent Residence (IMM 5292 or IMM 5688) instead.

You would have been given these documents:

- If you applied from overseas: at the same time as your visa
- If you applied from within Canada: when you landed at your local visa office

An officer will ask you questions to make sure you meet all of the residency requirements before they allow you to come back to Canada.

When you return to Canada, apply for a PR card if you plan to travel outside Canada again.

