

Your IELTS guide to studying in Canada

Use this checklist to guide you through the tasks necessary to become a student of the Canadian university or college of your choice.

2-3 years before enrolment

- Research institutions in Canada
The search function on www.ieltsasia.org lists all of the Canadian institutions which accept IELTS, and their score requirements. Use this as a starting point to find an institution that suits you.

15-18 months before enrolment

- Find your nearest test centre and schedule your IELTS test date.
- Find out if the institutions you are interested in require an admission test. Start planning to take the test(s) required by your chosen institutions.
- Investigate what is involved in studying in Canada from organisations such as Education Canada.

12-14 months before enrolment

- Take the IELTS test and receive your results. If you need to improve your score, review the section "Prepare for IELTS" on this website or consider taking an IELTS course with British Council.
- Prepare a folder for each institution you wish to apply to. This way, you can organise all forms, correspondence and receipts.
- You can also apply to multiple universities with one single application via Ontario Universities Application Centre (OUAC).
- Carefully read all application materials and fulfil all requirements by their due dates. Create an application calendar to stay on track.

10-12 months before enrolment

- Retake IELTS if necessary and receive your results.
- Complete the admission application for the institution(s) you have chosen.
- Maintain a good academic record at your current institution.
- Complete your financial aid and scholarship applications.
- Check the visa requirements.

6-9 months before enrolment

- Receive conditional offers from institutions.
- Use these Conditional Letters of Admission to start the application process to obtain your study permit.

- Identify which institutions have accepted you as a student, choose the institution you wish to attend and send in any necessary deposits or paperwork.

3 months before enrolment

- Ensure your study permit application is progressing as required.