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Most immigration applicants can now apply online

Changes coming our application processes

Starting September 2022, we're moving to online applications for certain permanent immigration programs using the Permanent residence portal. Each program will change to online applications on a different date.

[Find out when each program will switch to online applications.](#)

If you can't apply online, and require accommodations, including for a disability, you can ask for the application in [another format](#) (paper, braille or large print).

Online applications

Apply online for these permanent immigration programs:

- Agri-food pilot
- Adopting a child through the immigration process
- Atlantic immigration program

- Caregivers
 - Home Child Care Provider Pilot
 - Home Support Worker Pilot
- Humanitarian and compassionate considerations within Canada
- Provincial nominee program (non-Express Entry)
- Quebec entrepreneurs and investors
- Quebec-selected skilled workers
- Rural and northern immigration pilot
- Self-employed people
- Sponsoring a spouse, partner, dependent child or other family
- Sponsoring a parent or grandparent
- Start-up visa
- Temporary resident permit holders applying for permanent residence

Sign in or create a **Permanent residence portal** account.

Other applications

You can apply online or on paper for some permanent immigration programs:

- Protected persons and convention refugees in Canada
- Permanent residence pathways for Hong Kong residents

To try it, sign in or create a **Permanent residence portal** account.

Filling out forms

Online forms in the portal

You'll fill out **these digital forms** online (for yourself, and any family members 18 or older)

- Generic Application Form for Canada (IMM 0008)
- Schedule A – Background/Declaration (IMM 5669)
- Additional Family Information (IMM 5406)
- Supplementary Information - Your travels (IMM 5562), if it applies to you

PDF forms requiring signatures

You **must** fill out the PDF forms below according to [the instruction guide](#) for the immigration program you're applying for.

For all programs

- If using a paid representative or a designated individual these forms can either be signed by hand or electronically
 - [Use of a Representative \[IMM 5476\] \(PDF, 1.48 MB\)](#) – for paid representatives

For family sponsorship applications only

The sponsor must

- download and complete these forms

- digitally sign, along with the principal applicant (PA)
 - [Application to Sponsor, Sponsorship Agreement and Undertaking \[IMM 1344\] \(PDF, 478.72KB\)](#)
 - [Relationship Information and Sponsorship Evaluation Form \[IMM 5532\] \(PDF, 2.21MB\)](#)
 - **Important:** To **digitally sign the form**, you must first complete the form and then select “print to PDF”. This will create a new a version of the form that can be digitally signed.
 - If the principal applicant is a minor child (under 18 years old) their parent or legal guardian must sign the forms, and consent and declaration on their behalf.

Submitting forms that someone else needs to sign by hand

For some programs, you may need to include forms that **you print and sign by hand**. If a third party (other than an authorized representative) also needs to sign the form, like an employer or parent of your dependent child, you must

- print and complete it
- sign it by hand
- get the third party to sign it by hand
- upload it with your application:
 - [Offer of Employment Form: Home Child Care Provider or Home Support Worker \[IMM 5983\] \(PDF, 2.3 MB\)](#)
 - [Offer of Employment to a Foreign National - Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot \(IMM 5984\) \(PDF, 846 KB\)](#)

- [Offer of Employment to a Foreign National under the Atlantic Immigration Program \[IMM 0157\]](#) (PDF, 317 KB).
- [Offer of Employment to a Foreign National – Agri-Food Immigration Pilot \[IMM 0115\]](#) (PDF, 1.74 MB).
- [Declaration from Non-Accompanying Parent/Guardian for Minors Immigrating to Canada \[IMM 5604\]](#) (PDF, 1.75 MB).
- [Statutory declaration of common-law union \[IMM 5409\]](#) (PDF, 2.23 MB).
- [Use of a Representative \[IMM 5476\]](#) (PDF, 1.48 MB) – for unpaid representatives

All other PDF forms

You and any family members coming with you to Canada **must** fill out the remaining PDF forms according to [the instruction guide](#) for the immigration program you're applying for.

You must download, complete, and upload all the remaining forms you need for your application.

 These forms **do not** need to be signed.

 Do not print and scan any of these forms.

Signing the application

As the principal applicant, once you've uploaded your forms, only your signature is needed on the overall consent and declaration to complete the online application. Your family members don't need to sign it.

▶ **If you can't apply online and require accommodations**

Technical issues

If you're having technical issues with the permanent residence online application portal, contact us using the [web form](#)

- under **type of application/enquiry**, choose **technical difficulties** from the drop-down menu
- in the text box, **specify the program you're applying under**
- upload screenshots from your account that show us
 - the page where you're having problems
 - the error message(s) you get

If you need to upload a number of images, find out [how to combine them into 1 document](#).

Immigration representatives

 If you're a representative, [find out how you can create an account and submit applications on](#)

behalf of your clients.

If you want to appoint someone to do business with us on your behalf, you must

- complete a Use of a Representative (IMM 5476) form
- electronically sign it and get your immigration representative to do so also
- upload it with your application

An immigration representative (an immigration consultant or lawyer) can give you advice and help you with your application for a fee. But they can't

- open a portal account on your behalf
- electronically sign the application for you
- sign into the portal using your username and password

A representative can fill out forms and communicate with us on your behalf through their own account. They can also

- help you prepare the documents you need to upload
- answer questions about the forms

If you're using the portal to fill out and upload your forms and supporting documents, a representative could help you with the application using screen-sharing technology.

After you read the declaration, **you must be the one who types your name.** This is the legal requirement for your application to be considered "signed," according to Canada's immigration law.

Electronically sign your application

- You must type your full name exactly as shown on your passport to electronically sign your application.

Photo specifications

You need one photo for each person on your application.

Follow the instructions in the online application to scan and upload **both sides** of your photo.

Applying for an open work permit as a spouse or common-law partner in Canada

You can't apply for your open work permit online when you submit your in-Canada spousal application online. [Find out how to submit your open work permit application.](#)

Instruction guides

The **instruction guide for your immigration program** will help you fill out the forms properly.

* **What are you applying for? (required)**

Make your selection...



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