

Study Permit With Precarious Immigration Status

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Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that the land we are standing on today is the traditional territory of many nations including, the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples, and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples.

We also acknowledge that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 signed with the Mississaugas of the Credit, and the Williams Treaty signed with multiple Mississaugas and Chippewa bands.



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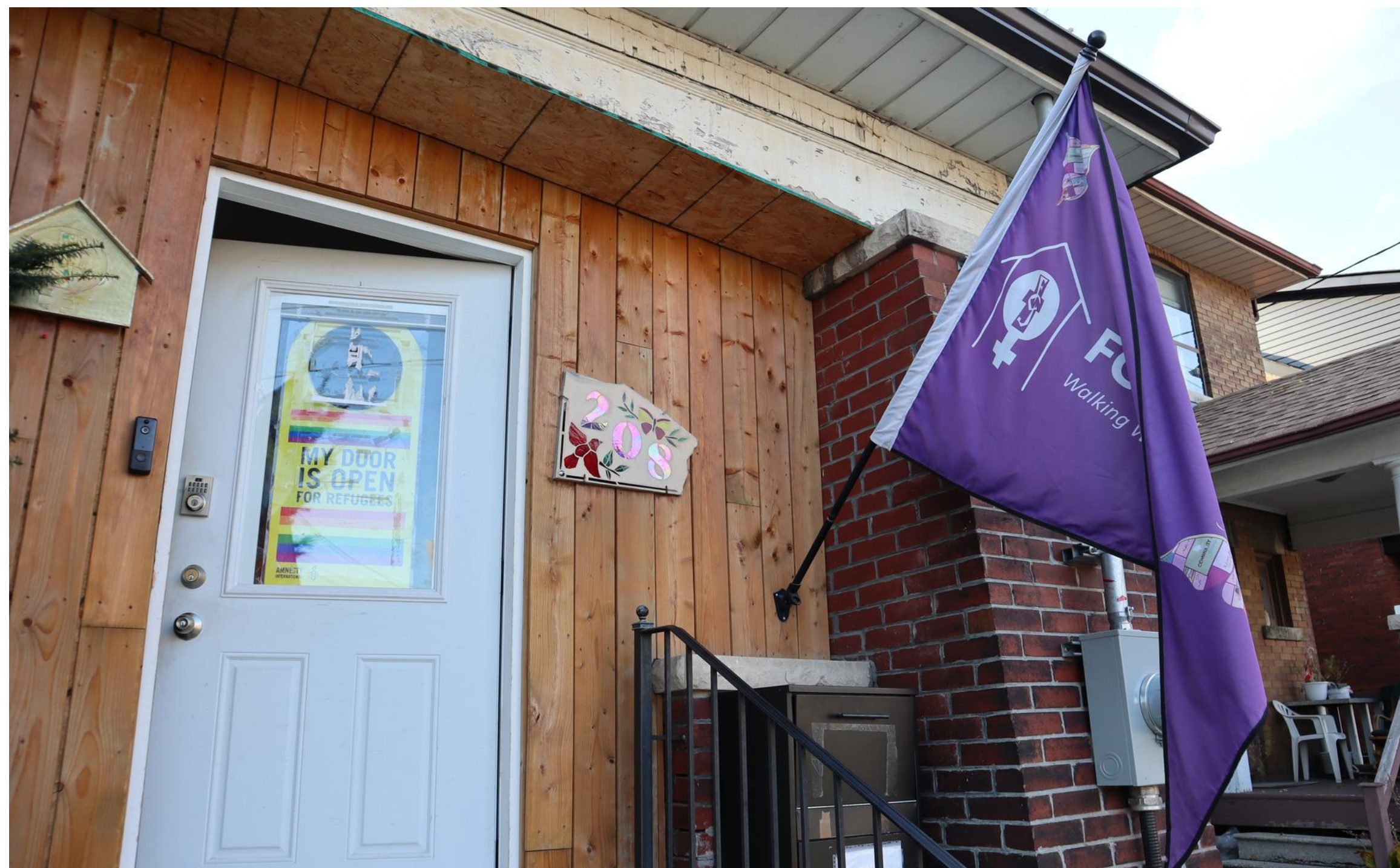


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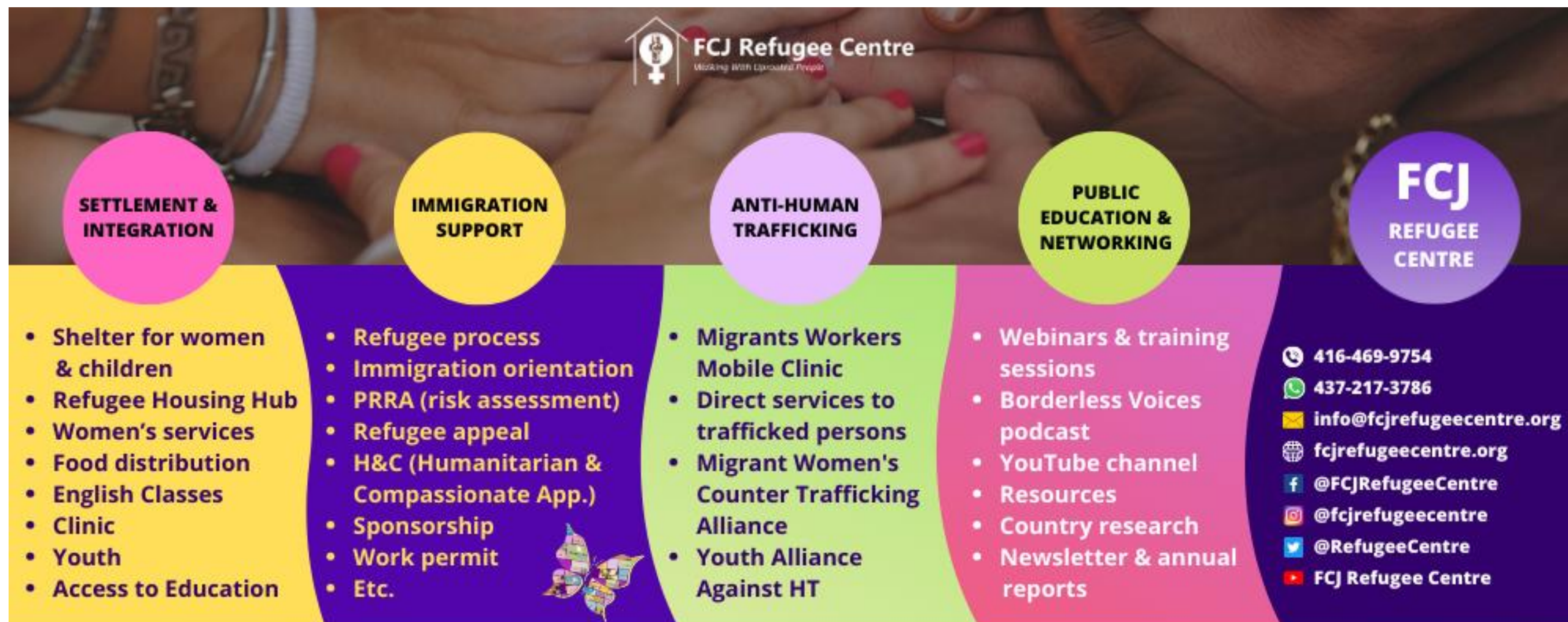
FCJ Refugee Centre serves refugees and other individuals and families at risk due to their immigration status.

We welcome anyone asking for advice, counsel and support regarding their refugee claim or immigration process.

We address systemic issues that newly arrived refugee claimants face in Canada including lack of resources, marginalization, and discrimination.

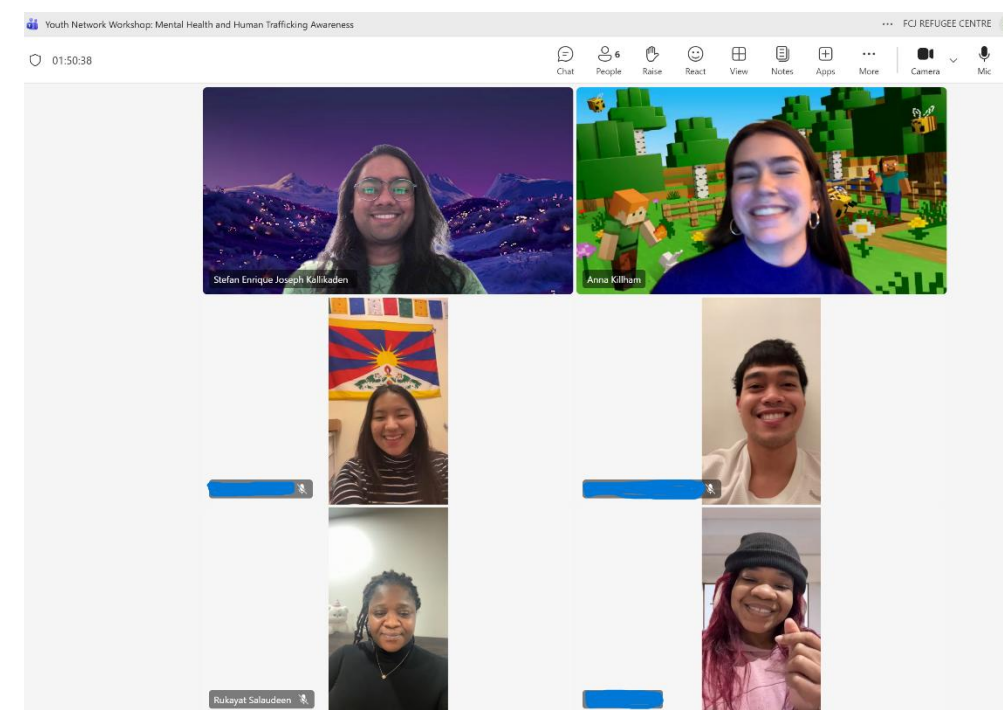


Our Programs and Services



FCJ Youth Network

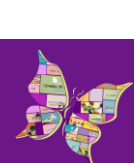
- The FCJ Youth Network has been operating for more than 14 years and has supported over 650 youth since its inception.
- The FCJ Youth Network is a Brave Space for newcomer and migrant youth to come together on a weekly basis to learn, build, and participate in community engagement.
- A Brave Space is where everyone feels safe, heard, respected and involved.
- A really important aspect of our youth group is that it is open to any newcomer youth regardless of their status.
- It is an inclusive space for youth to support each other, get involved in the community, participate in a variety of activities and workshops, and engage in self-advocacy and activism.



- Many of the projects the youth network pursues, including the original idea of Access To Education, are borne from the challenges and barriers many of the youth have personally experienced.
- We often attend and present at conferences, host community gatherings, travel, have movie nights, monthly family dinners, attend marches and rallies in solidarity with each other.
- The members of the FCJ Youth Network continue to act as leaders in the community.
- The FCJYN engages in policy related discussions at all levels of government – Local, Municipal, Provincial and Federal.



- The official age range of the FCJYN is 13-30; with most youth falling between 20-27 presently. The overall network has 120 active members with a weekly attendance of 10-15 youth.
- Majority of the youth come to Canada having some level of Secondary Education, with a significant portion having already completed school or in their final year. Some youth also either have their Post-Secondary Education or had to leave their country in the middle of their post-secondary schooling.
- The youth come from countries such as; Mexico, Columbia, Peru, Gambia, Morocco, Uganda, Barbados, Algeria, United States of America, Kenya, St. Kitts, Bahamas, Cuba, Nigeria, Jamaica, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Brazil, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Chile, Saudi Arabia, El Salvador, India & China.
- Many of their first languages are Spanish, Arabic and English, but we aim to never allow language to be a barrier to access our services with staff and volunteer interpretation; and encouraging methods of learning English to build confidence in integration and socializing.



Regularized vs Precarious Status

What are examples of 'regularized' status?

- Canadian Citizen
- Permanent Resident
- Convention Refugee
- Protected person
- International student*
- Visitor*

What are examples of 'precarious' status?

- Refugee Claimants
- Refused Refugee Claimants
- International student*
- Visitor*
- Those caught in limbo due to immigration policy changes
- Victims & Survivors of Human Trafficking
- Those involved in sponsorship breakdown
- Anyone without official immigration status living in Canada



Education System In Canada

- Education in Canada is Provincially Administered
- Levels of Education in Ontario can be divided by – Preschool Daycare, Elementary, Secondary, and Post-Secondary
- The Ministry of Education is the ministry of the Government of Ontario responsible for government policy, funding, curriculum planning and direction in all levels of public education, including elementary and secondary schools
- Paul Calandra is the Minister of Education for the Province of Ontario
- The Ministry of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security is the ministry of the Government of Ontario responsible for administration of laws relating to post-secondary education.
- Nolan Quinn is the Minister of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security for the Province of Ontario



Study Permit types for this webinar

There are different requirements for completing a study permit application based on level of education, program type and immigration status.

In today's webinar we will be discussing the following types while having precarious immigration status:

- Study Permit to finish high school (under 18)
- Study Permit for Adult School (21+)
- Study Permit for Sanctuary Scholars (YorkU and TMU)
- Study Permit for general post-secondary education



What documents are required?

- Passport (if you are a refugee claimant or have surrendered your passport to the Canadian government for any prior reason, the certified true copy of the document would be needed)
- Digital photo (doesn't need to be professional, but it needs to be clear, from a forward angle and on a white background)
- Letter Of Acceptance (for post-secondary, the long form is needed - not the offer letter)
- Provincial Attestation Letter (PAL) - if you have one (if not, we will look at an example explanation letter)
- Proof of finances (this could vary depending on your circumstances; the common one is bank statements - whatever you will be using to pay for the application is a good place to start)
- Medicals

[Note: all digital copies would be sufficient]



What Documents Do I need to Gather to Start My Application?

- A scanned copy of your passport.



What Documents Do I need to Gather to Start My Application?

- A digital photo of yourself with a white background
- Important: Avoid the use of “Selfie” pictures for this application



What Documents Do I need to Gather to Start My Application?

- A scanned copy of your medical exam with immigration




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Visit date: C ?

Client personal details

Family name:
Given names:
Gender:
Date of birth:
Country of birth:

Client identity details

Identity document presented:
Identity document number:
Issuing country:
Date of issue:
Date of expiry:
Source:

Client visa details

IME: Non EDE
Upfront medical type: Worker

Instructions to the client

This information sheet outlines the status of the immigration health examinations that you have undertaken at an eMedical clinic.

Note: the status of an individual examination will not appear as "Complete" in the Exam list below until your case has been submitted to Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC). This may not occur until all results are finalised after you have left the clinic.

Your health case will be submitted to IRCC for processing once all your health examinations are completed. If you are required to complete further health examinations, you will be notified by IRCC once your case has been assessed. For further information on IRCC's health assessment process, please see our website at: <http://www.cic.gc.ca>

Note:

- **Once a panel clinic has submitted your health examination results to IRCC**, any further queries about your visa application and/or your health examination results should be directed to your visa officer. Staff at a panel clinic will **not** be able to help you with these queries.
- **If you have not yet lodged a visa application**, you must provide the health identifier on the top of this letter (i.e. UMI, UCI, IME) to IRCC. Please make sure that you attach this letter to your visa application before submitting the form to IRCC. This will facilitate processing of your visa application.

Examinations required for this visa application

Exam	Status	Clinic
501 Medical Examination	Required	
502 Chest X-ray Examination	Required	
707 HIV test	Referred	
712 Syphilis Test (VDRL or RPR)	Referred	

Consent provided

What information is required?

- Work history from your 18th birthday (or) past 10 years (whichever is shorter) ***this includes school/volunteering/unemployment***
- Have you had any post-secondary school experience? (inside or outside Canada)
- Most recent immigration status document (even if expired - the details on this document will help us fill/review forms quicker)
- Do you have a work permit/are you applying for one along with this application? (only if eligible by your immigration status)



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APPLICATION TO CHANGE CONDITIONS,
EXTEND MY STAY OR REMAIN IN CANADA AS A STUDENT

If you need more space for any section, print out an additional page containing the appropriate section, complete and submit it with your application.

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Clear Form

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2

* I want service in

OFFICE USE ONLY

Validated

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I am applying for one or more of the following:
☐ * Apply for a study permit for the first time or extend my study permit
☐ * Restore my status as a student
☐ * Get a new temporary resident permit (for inadmissible applicants only)

PERSONAL DETAILS

1

Full name

* Family name (as shown on your passport or travel document)

Given name(s) (as shown on your passport or travel document)

2

a) Have you ever used any other name (e.g. Nickname, maiden name, alias, etc.) ?
b) If you answered "yes" to question 2a), please provide the name (e.g. Nickname, maiden name, alias, etc.)

☐ * No
☐ * Yes

Family name

Given name(s)

3

* Sex

4

Date of birth

5

Place of birth

* City/Town

* Country or Territory

6

* Citizenship

7

Current country or territory of residence:

Country or Territory

Status

Other

From

To

8

a) Previous countries or territories of residence: During the past five years have you lived in any country or territory other than your country of citizenship or your current country or territory of residence (indicated above) for more than six months?
b) If you answered "yes" to question 8a), please provide details

☐ * No
☐ * Yes

Country or Territory

Status

Other

From

To

9

a) * Your current marital status
b) (If you are married or in a common-law relationship) Provide the date on which you were married or entered into the common-law relationship
c) Provide the name of your current Spouse/Common-law partner
d) If you are married or in a common-law relationship, is your spouse or common-law partner a Canadian citizen or permanent resident?

Date

Family name

Given name(s)

☐ No
☐ Yes

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Applicant Name

Date of Birth

PERSONAL DETAILS (CONTINUED)

10

a) Have you previously been married or in a common-law relationship? ☐ * No ☐ * Yes
b) Provide the following details for your previous Spouse/Common-law partner:

Family name

Given name(s)

c) Type of relationship

d) From

To

e) Date of Birth

LANGUAGE(S)

1

* a) Native language/Mother Tongue

* b) Are you able to communicate in English and/or French?

c) In which language are you most at ease?

d) Have you taken a test from a designated testing agency to assess your proficiency in English or French? ☐ * No ☐ * Yes

PASSPORT

1

* Passport number

2

* Country or territory of issue

3

* Issue date

4

* Expiry date

5

* For this trip, will you use a passport issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Taiwan that includes your personal identification number? ☐ * No ☐ * Yes

6

* For this trip, will you use a National Israeli passport? ☐ * No ☐ * Yes

NATIONAL IDENTITY DOCUMENT

1

Do you have a national identity document? ☐ * No ☐ * Yes

2

Document number

3

Country or territory of issue

4

Issue date

5

Expiry date

US PR CARD

1

Are you a lawful Permanent Resident of the United States with a valid alien registration card (green card)? ☐ * No ☐ * Yes

2

Document number

3

Expiry date

CONTACT INFORMATION

If submitting your application by mail:
- All correspondence will go to this address unless you indicate your e-mail address below.
- Indicating an e-mail address will authorize all correspondence, including file and personal information, to be sent to the e-mail address you specify.
- If you wish to authorize the release of information from your application to a representative, indicate their e-mail and mailing address(es) in this section and on the IMM5476 form.

1

Current mailing address

P.O. box

Apt/Unit

Street no.

* Street name

* City/Town

* Country or Territory

* Province

* Postal code

2

Residential address

Same as mailing address? ☐ * No ☐ * Yes

Apt/Unit

Street no.

Street name

City/Town

Country or Territory

Province

Postal code

3

Telephone no.

☐ Canada/US
☐ Other

Type

Country Code

No.

Ext.

4

Alternate Telephone no.

☐ Canada/US
☐ Other

Type

Country Code

No.

Ext.

5

Fax no.

☐ Canada/US
☐ Other

Country Code

No.

Ext.

6

E-mail address

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Applicant Name

Date of Birth

COMING INTO CANADA

1

Date and place of your original entry to Canada

* Date

* Place

2

* a) The original purpose for coming to Canada

b) Other

3

Date and place of your most recent entry to Canada (if not the same as original entry)

Date

Place

4

If applicable, provide the document number of the most recent Visitor Record, Study Permit, Work Permit or Temporary Resident Permit issued to you.

Document Number

DETAILS OF INTENDED STUDY IN CANADA

1

I have been accepted at the following educational institution

* a) Name of School

* My level of study will be:

My field of study will be:

b) Complete address of school in Canada

* Province

* City/Town

* Address

2

Designated Learning Institution # (O#)

My Student ID # is:

3

Duration of expected study

* From

* To

4

The cost of my studies will be:

* Tuition

Room and board

Other

5

* a) Funds available for my stay(CAD)

* b) My expenses in Canada will be paid by:

c) Other

6

a) In addition to a study permit, are you also applying for a work permit? ☐ * No ☐ * Yes
b) What type of work permit are you applying for:

7

If you have been issued a Quebec Acceptance Certificate (CAQ), provide the:

Certificate Number

Expiry Date (YYYY-MM-DD)

8

If you have been issued a Provincial Attestation Letter (PAL)/Territorial Attestation Letter (TAL), provide the:

Document Number

Expiry Date (YYYY-MM-DD)

If you are under the age of majority of the province/territory where you intend to study, you must fill out the Custodian Declaration (IMM5646) form.

EDUCATION

Have you had any post secondary education (including university, college or apprenticeship training)? ☐ * No ☐ * Yes
If you answered "yes", give full details of your highest level of post secondary education.

1

From

Field and level of study

School/Facility name

To

City/Town

Country or Territory

Province/State

EMPLOYMENT

Give details of your employment for the past 10 years, including if you have held any government positions (such as civil servant, judge, police officer, mayor, member of parliament, hospital administrator)

1

From

* Current Activity/Occupation

* Company/Employer/Facility name

To

* City/Town

* Country or Territory

Province/State

2

From

Previous Activity/Occupation

Company/Employer/Facility name

To

City/Town

Country or Territory

Province/State

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EMPLOYMENT (CONTINUED)

From

Previous Activity/Occupation

Company/Employer/Facility name

3

YYYY

To

MM

City/Town

Country or Territory

Province/State

YYYY

MM

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

You must complete this section if you are 18 years of age or older.

Clear Section

1

a) Within the past two years, have you or a family member ever had tuberculosis of the lungs or been in close contact with a person with tuberculosis?

☐ No

☐ Yes

b) Do you have any physical or mental disorder that would require social and/or health services, other than medication, during a stay in Canada?

☐ No

☐ Yes

c) If you answered "yes" to question 1a) or 1b), please provide details.

2

a) Have you ever remained beyond the validity of your status, attended school without authorization or worked without authorization in Canada?

☐ No

☐ Yes

b) Have you ever been refused a visa or permit, denied entry or ordered to leave Canada or any other country or territory?

☐ No

☐ Yes

c) Have you previously applied to enter or remain in Canada?

☐ No

☐ Yes

d) If you answered "yes" to question 2a), 2b) or 2c), please provide details.

3

a) Have you ever committed, been arrested for or been charged with or convicted of any criminal offence in any country or territory?

☐ No

☐ Yes

b) If you answered "yes" to question 3a), please provide details.

4

a) Did you serve in any military, militia, or civil defence unit or serve in a security organization or police force (including non obligatory national service, reserve or volunteer units)?

☐ No

☐ Yes

b) If you answered "yes" to question 4a), please provide dates of service and countries or territories where you served.

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

5

Are you, or have you ever been a member or associated with any political party, or other group or organization which has engaged in or advocated violence as a means to achieving a political or religious objective, or which has been associated with criminal activity at any time?

☐ No

☐ Yes

6

Have you ever witnessed or participated in the ill treatment of prisoners or civilians, looting or desecration of religious buildings?

☐ No

☐ Yes

SIGNATURE

Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC), or an organization at CIC's request, may want to contact you in the future to ask you about any services you received from CIC prior to the application process (such as participation in an information forum), during the application process (including the application process itself as well as orientation or accreditation services), and services received after arriving in Canada (including settlement, integration and citizenship). CIC will use this information, along with the information provided by other individuals, for research, performance measurement or evaluation purposes. CIC will not use this information to make any decisions about you personally.

Do you consent to be contacted by CIC, or an organization at CIC's request, in the future?

☐ No

☐ Yes

I understand that CIC is collecting this personal information to assess whether I should be granted a study permit and will use this information to verify my eligibility for a study permit as well as my compliance with the conditions of my study permit. CIC may disclose my personal information to CBSA to enforce the requirements of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act.

I also understand that CIC may disclose my personal information to my designated learning institution to inquire whether I am in compliance with the conditions of my study permit. I consent to the disclosure of my personal information by my designated learning institution to CIC for the purpose of determining whether I am in compliance with these conditions. Failure to provide such consent will result in a refusal to grant a study permit.

I declare that I have answered all questions in this application fully and truthfully.

Signature of Applicant or Parent/Legal Guardian's for a person under 18 years of age.

Date: YYYY-MM-DD

IMPORTANT NOTE:



This application must be signed and dated before it is submitted by mail.

Do not forget to include photos, fees (if applicable) and any other documents required. Review the application guide for more information and verify that you have completed and provided all of the required documents as per the document checklist.

PRIVACY NOTICE

Personal information provided on this form is collected and will be used, disclosed, and retained by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) under the authority of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (IRPA). The personal information provided will be used for the purpose of processing applications. The personal information provided may be disclosed to other federal government institutions and third parties including law enforcement bodies, provincial/territorial governments and/or foreign governments for the purpose of validating identity, eligibility and admissibility. The personal information provided may be disclosed to Designated Learning Institutions for the purpose of validating Letters of Acceptance and or determining compliance with study permit conditions.

The personal information collected on an application, and other information collected in support of an application, may be used for advanced analytics, automation, and other technologies to support processing of applications and decision making, including your application. Personal information, including from advanced analytics, automation, and other technologies, may also be used for purposes including research, statistics, program and policy evaluation, internal audit, compliance, risk management, strategy development and reporting.

Where biometrics are provided in support of an application, the fingerprints collected will be stored and shared with the RCMP. The fingerprint record may also be disclosed to law enforcement agencies in Canada in accordance with subsection 13.11(1) of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations. The information may be used to establish or verify the identity of a person in order to prevent, investigate, or prosecute an offence under any law of Canada or a Province. This information may also be used to establish or verify the identity of an individual whose identity cannot reasonably be otherwise established or verified because of physical or mental condition. Canada may also share immigration information related to biometric records with foreign governments with whom Canada has an agreement or arrangement.

Failure to complete the form in full may result in a delay or the application not being processed. The Privacy Act gives individuals the right of access to, protection, and correction of their personal information. Further details are available in [Info Source](#). If you are not satisfied with the manner in which IRCC handles your personal information, you may exercise your right to file a complaint to the [Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada](#). The collection, use, disclosure and retention of your personal information is further described in IRCC's personal information bank - IRCC PPU 051.

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PAL Exemption, Extended Employment/ Explanation Letter & Financials

Name:
UCI:
D.O.B.:

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to confirm that I will be attending **NAME OF SCHOOL** starting in **Fall 202X**, where I have been admitted to the **NAME OF PROGRAM** program—a **four-year degree spanning from 202X to 20XX**.

As a refugee claimant, I am exempt from submitting a Provincial Attestation Letter (PAL) in accordance with IRCC’s study permit guidelines. I am currently enrolled in the **Sanctuary Scholars Program** at York University, which provides access to post-secondary education for individuals with precarious immigration status, including refugee claimants.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions, don’t hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

Full Name

Name:
UCI:
D.O.B.:

Continuation of Employment History

From (YYYY-MM)	To (YYYY-MM)	Occupation/Activity	City	Country	Company/Employer

□

RE: Explanation

I, **FULL NAME**, write to you in explanation that I (...). Please consider my applications and don’t hesitate to contact me for any clarifications.

Thank you,

Full Name

Name:
UCI:
D.O.B.:

RE: Financials

2. Proof of financial support while you study in Canada:

You must prove you have enough money (in Canadian funds) to support yourself while you study in Canada. This can include:

- i. a bank statement or a letter from a Canadian bank showing how much money you have in your bank account (must indicate your name and the account number);
- ii. a copy of the letter giving the details about your scholarship or Canadian-funded educational program (such as a CIDA program);
- iii. a letter from a person (describe the relationship to you) who is giving you financial help, explaining the arrangements made for your expenses. (This information is protected under the *Privacy Act* and cannot be released to a third party without your sponsor’s consent.)

Persons and their family members whose refugee claim has been sent to the Refugee Division do not have to give proof of financial support.

Family members of foreign students and temporary workers who need a study permit to attend primary or secondary school, do not need to show proof of financial support.

To Whom It May Concern,

I am attaching the above directive from Guide 5552 on the IRCC website. Additionally, I am also including a copy of my (...) as reference below.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions, don’t hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

Full Name



THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS?



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