
Information for Accompanying Family Members

If you are an international student who is travelling with family members to Canada, it is important to understand the different factors involved with enrolling your children into school. Please review this document for more information:

1. Documents required for immediate family members to travel to Canada
2. Can my spouse work in Canada if they are not international student?
3. Can my children attend school in Canada, and are they subject to international fees?

For questions, please contact issc@bowvalleycollege.ca.

1. Documents required for immediate family members to travel to Canada

To bring your immediate family members to Canada with you, they require a valid passport, and may additionally require a valid entrance document.

Required entry documents:

- A valid passport
- A valid entrance document (if required) – [determine if/which type of additional entrance document is required](#)
 - They can apply for their entrance document (TRV or eTA) at the same time as you when you apply for your study permit, or separately after you arrive in Canada should they wish to come at a later date.
 - If your child reaches the age of 18 and they are still in school, they must apply for a Study Permit.

Please refer to our [Immigration page](#) for information about study and work permits.

Please refer to our [pre-arrival page](#) for general travel considerations.

2. Can my spouse work in Canada if they are not an international student?

Your spouse is eligible to work in Canada if they apply for and obtain an Open Work Permit.

Applying for Open Work Permit:

- Indicate that they are the spouse of a full-time student in Canada and provide proof if asked.
 - Example of proof would be a copy of your Enrolment Verification Letter and Study Permit.
- They can apply for the work permit from inside or outside of Canada.
- Their work permit may only be valid for the same duration as your study permit.

Please refer to the IRCC page for more information: [Help your spouse or common-law partner work in Canada - Canada.ca](#)

3. Can my children attend school in Canada, and are they subject to international fees?

Is there a cost to enroll my children into school?

You will be charged **general** school fees if you (the parent) have a valid study permit and if you are registered in:

- A full-time provincially recognized diploma program or full-time degree program of study that is a minimum of 2 years in duration; or
- A full-time graduate or post-doctoral program of study that is a minimum of one year in duration.

*If you do not meet the above requirements, **you may also be required to pay international tuition for your child**, even if your child is enrolled in a public school. Please confirm your options with the specific school board you are interested in registering with.

How do I register my children into school?

The registration process for each type of school will be slightly different; refer to the websites for detailed information. However, in general, for public and Catholic school system, once a family arrives in Calgary, they would meet with a school board representative at an admission center to register in the appropriate grade levels.

School boards can be reached by telephone, and additional information can be found on their websites:

[The Calgary Board of Education \(secular\):](#)

Phone: 1-403-817-7789

E-mail: welcome@cbe.ab.ca

[The Calgary Catholic School District:](#)

Phone: 1-403-500-2007

Contact page: <https://www.cssd.ab.ca/contact>