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# 1

## Do I have to start my classes in person, in January 2023?

If are waiting for a decision from IRCC regarding your study permit application, please be aware that the IRCC temporary policy allowing students to complete 50% of studies online from outside Canada ends on August 31, 2023.

Documents required to start your classes in January:

### Students who wish to start their classes must first receive:

<a href="#">Letter of Introduction/Port of Entry letter</a> issued by IRCC; OR	A document sent from a visa office to confirm approval of study permit. Students must present the letter when they arrive in Canada.
<a href="#">A valid study permit</a>	A document issued by IRCC that authorizes a foreign national to study at an educational institution in Canada for the duration of the program of study. Study permit is issued upon arrival at the Port of Entry.

### In order to cross the border and start classes in Canada, you will require:

<a href="#">Study Visa; OR an eTA</a>	<p>This allows you to enter or re-enter Canada. This is not sufficient to remain in Canada to study. You still require your study permit.</p> <p>To enter Canada as an international student in addition to the study permit approval, you need to have either a Temporary Resident Visa or an electronic Travel Authorization (eTA).</p>
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# 2

## What do I do if I receive a study permit refusal?

Students who submit proof of a study permit refusal on or before November 25, 2022, will be refunded their confirmation deposit of \$1500 CAD and any tuition fees paid.

Students who receive a study permit refusal will not be able to defer their application.

Attendance Decision	Refund Options
<b>Students who submit proof of a study permit refusal by the November 25 deadline.</b>	Students will be refunded their confirmation deposit of \$1500 CAD and any tuition fees paid.
<b>Students who start their program and decide to drop courses by the January 19 add/drop deadline.</b>	Students who start their program and decide to drop their courses by the add/drop deadline, will receive a 100% tuition refund (excluding the confirmation deposit, student association fees, and health and dental fees). See below for more information.

Students must drop their courses through their MyBVC account to be eligible for a tuition refund.

Please visit [tuition and fees](#) webpage and the [refund](#) webpage.

For more important dates and deadlines, see [here](#).

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**Please access your VAS portal to confirm your attendance for Winter 2023**

### **After you sign into your account in VAS:**

- 1. Please send a message through our VAS portal and inform us of your decision ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 25.**
- I received a study permit approval and will start classes in January 2023.**
  - Submit your study permit approval **by November 25, 2022.** See Step 2, AND
  - Send a message in VAS confirming your decision.
- I received a study permit refusal letter.**
  - Submit your study permit refusal **by November 25, 2022.** See Step 2, AND
  - Send a message in VAS to proceed with your refund. No refunds for submitting a study permit refusal after this deadline.

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- **I want to request a deferral. (Approval not guaranteed; previously deferred applications do not qualify).**
  - Submit your document from IRCC confirming the date that you applied for your study permit **by November 25, 2022**. See Step 2, AND
  - Send a message through your VAS account, to request your deferral.
- **I am still waiting for a study permit approval and plan to start my classes in January 2023.**
  - Submit the document from IRCC confirming the date that you applied for your study permit. See Step 2, AND
  - Send a message through your VAS account, informing us that you are starting your classes in January without a study approval (at minimum a Letter of Introduction/LOI from IRCC)
  - **NOTE** – If you choose to start classes *without* study approval, ensure you have read and understood the Learner Account Policy available under the Refunds section of this page: [International Documents and Resources | Bow Valley College](#)
- **If you fail to respond in VAS by November 25, the college considers you confirmed to attend in January 2023, and you are subject to the Learner Accounts Policy.**

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## 2. Submit your study permit documents. Please upload one of the following documents:

- Official study permit; OR
- Letter of Introduction; OR
- Acknowledgement letter from IRCC confirming the date that you applied for your study permit; OR
- Refusal letter

## How to upload your documents in VAS:

Change status   Send message   Print offer   Print offer details   **Upload document**   Edit profile   More

Upload other documents (Optional)

Select document

Save

Type	Name	Size / Type	Updated by	Updated on	Action
Passport*			<input type="text" value="select a file to upload"/>	Maximum file size 5.00 MB	
High school transcripts - diploma/certificate and marksheeets/transcripts (Scanned to include original AND translation in one PDF)*			<input type="text" value="select a file to upload"/>	Maximum file size 5.00 MB	
Add more documents					

For questions, please send a message via your [VAS portal](#).

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## Register for courses

**\*\*\*If you are waiting for your study permit, we still encourage you to register for classes to avoid being waitlisted for any necessary courses.\*\*\***

### **Winter 2023 term: Course registration & class delivery mode**

With our return to in-person learning, international students are expected to register themselves for **in-person courses** when available and must take majority of courses in class due to study permit requirements. If any of your courses do not offer an in-person option, you can take it online instead (when no other option is available).

- Course registration for new students opened as of October 24, 2022, depending on the school you are registered in.

### **When registering for courses, please be aware:**

- **Distance Learning (online) VS in-person:** International students are advised to register courses with in-person class mode. If your program has a mix of online and in-person learning. It's highly recommended that you attend in-class options when offered.

Please see here for understanding the different delivery modes:

### **[Bow Valley College Course Delivery Modes](#)**

- For more IRCC information: **[Post-graduation work permit \(PGWP\) validity and application - Canada.ca](#)**

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You must register for a minimum of 9 credits to maintain full-time student status.

- **If your program includes an in-person practicum/clinical experience/work experience courses:** You will need an approved co-op work permit in addition to your approved study permit. For more information, please visit our webpage: [Co-op Work Permits](#).

**For more information:**

- Registration dates: [Important Dates](#).
- Information on registration and to check the delivery mode options for your program: [Online Course Registration](#).
- For registration help, please visit [Academic Advising](#) or email [advising@bowvalleycollege.ca](mailto:advising@bowvalleycollege.ca).

***Students attending the English Language Learning (ELL) program, Health Care Aid program or the Centre for Entertainment Arts (CEA) will be automatically registered in their courses.***



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## Travel information

### Entering Canada:

We encourage you to review the [Pre-Arrival Resources page](#).

Transport Canada continues to update its requirements for travelers, as well as update its restrictions for travelers from certain regions when applicable. Please ensure that you visit the Transport Canada website before making travel plans: <https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid>

# 6

## Prepare for start of term

Keep an eye out for emails to your MyBVC email address informing you of all onboarding activities for new students.

An onboarding program for international students starting their program in January 2023, is being prepared.

Be sure to attend [orientation](#) (date coming soon on webpage)

An email inviting you to register for orientation will be sent out in the beginning of December 2022.

- [New Student Orientation](#): TBD
- [International Student Welcome](#): January 6, 2023
- [ELL orientation \(ELL ISO\)](#) : January 9, 2023
- New Student Onboarding Team | Microsoft Teams

For questions, please email [issc@bowvalleycollege.ca](mailto:issc@bowvalleycollege.ca) or book an appointment with an [international learner advisor](#).