



DESIGNATED LEARNING INSTITUTES

STUDY PERMIT ALLOCATIONS
FOR 2025/26

DLI

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WHAT IS A DESIGNATED LEARNING INSTITUTE

- A **Designated Learning Institute (DLI)** is a school which is approved by a provincial or territorial government to host international students.



- To apply for a study permit, a student needs an acceptance letter from a DLI. All primary and secondary schools in Canada are designated learning institutes. Not all post-secondary institutions are DLI's. Therefore, it is important to check if the University or College you are planning to apply to is a DLI. There are some private Universities and Colleges where some courses are approved for international students.

When applying for a study permit, the applicant is required to mention the DLI number for their school of choice. The DLI number is the number which begins with "O" on the study permit application form. Some institutions in Quebec are approved by the provincial government but do not have a unique DLI number.

For a complete list of DLI's with their number, please visit <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada/study-permit/prepare/designated-learning-institutions-list.html>

Since the Canadian Government has capped the number of study permits that will be issued in 2025, international students will need to understand how many study permits will be allocated to each province which will also determine where one should apply to study. Within the provinces, the provincial governments have allocated a majority of the study permits to public institutions with private institutions getting a reduced allocation. Below is a break-up of the allocation of study permits according to the provinces:



PROVINCE	ALLOCATION FOR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS	ALLOCATION FOR POST GRADUATE	TOTAL ALLOCATION
Alberta	42,082	5,256	47,338
British Columbia	47,754	28,333	76,087
Manitoba	16,611	1,980	18,591
New Brunswick	11,673	3,112	14,785
Newfoundland & Labrador	6,534	2,648	9,182
Northwest Territories	705	0	705
Nova Scotia	14,411	4,191	18,602
Nunavut	0	0	0
Ontario	149,011	32,579	181,590
Prince Edward Island	2,044	391	2,435
Quebec	123,956	38,786	162,742
Saskatchewan	14,850	2,791	17,641
Yukon	463	1	464
Total	430,094	120,068	550,162



THE BENEFITS OF STUDYING IN CANADA

An international education prepares students with the skills and knowledge required to gain opportunities in emerging sectors like data science, artificial intelligence and renewable energy. A quality education offers an advantage in a competitive job market. Canada offers a number of benefits for international students wanting to study in Canada. Countries like Canada also benefit from international students as they contribute to the Canadian economy. Having international students not only enriches the academic interactions but fosters cultural exchange and collaboration.



1. Diverse Student Population: Canada welcomes students from all parts of the world. While India has the highest number of students enrolled in post-secondary institutions in Canada, one will also find a large number of students from China, Nigeria, Philippines, France and Mexico. Having such a large diverse population of students ensures an exchange of culture and provides for a multicultural environment on campus.

2. Safe Environment: Canada is also known for its safe and stable environment. Safety and security are an important factor in deciding where to move. This is especially important for the family of the students.

3. High Quality Education: Canada offers a world—class education system. This is reflected in the world rankings on various platforms. Canada has close to 25 world-ranking institutes across the country. Apart from Academic excellence, these institutes are also ranked high for research. For international students, this means having access to some of the best universities like University of Toronto, University of British Columbia, McGill University and University of Alberta. These institutions offer not just high standards of education but experienced faculty and state-of-the-art facilities. For many international students from developing economies, the number of quality educational institutions in their country may be limited. This may force them to look for good education institutes in countries like United States, Canada, UK and Australia.

4. Multicultural and Tolerant Society: Canada takes pride in being an inclusive and tolerant society. For international students, this means a welcoming and inclusive environment where people from every background is welcomed and appreciated. This multicultural spirit extends beyond the institutes to the cities and towns.

5. Post Study Work Options: The Post-Graduation Work Permit has made Canada an attractive option for students. This permit allows students who have enrolled in a full-time program of at least 8 months or more the option to apply for a work permit which is valid for up to 3 years. This permit gives students the opportunity to not only gain work experience in Canada but it offers a pathway for students to apply for permanent residence.

6. Global Employment Opportunities: A Canadian qualification does not limit an international student's employability to just Canada. A Canadian degree or diploma is valued across the world and would open up opportunities in many countries. Getting employment opportunities with multinational corporations would become easier with a globally recognized degree or diploma. It would also be valued when you return to your own country as an international qualification is given more weightage than a local degree. Many international students also aspire for jobs with higher salaries which may not be available in their own countries. This drives them to attain a degree from a world-class institution in the hope that they can then get a high paying job as a result.

7. Strong Global Network: Studying abroad helps students build a global network which can help in searching for job opportunities through referrals, and recommendations. The connections that students create with Canadian and international students also foster opportunities for collaboration and guidance as these connections can become life-long relationships.

8. Low Tuition Fees: : Compared to some of the other countries like the United States or UK, Canada has a relatively low tuition fee structure. This makes it far more affordable for many students.



9. Job Focused Programs Canada is also one of the few places which offer co-op programs and job focused programs involving internships as part of the program. This provides valuable experience and exposure for international students. Canadian Universities and Colleges are ranked high in terms of graduate employability metrics. The federal and provincial governments are also working to give preference to those professions which are in high demand in the country. Canada is also one of the top performing economies in the G20 and is ranked high for business friendliness and for having a stable and welcoming business environment (The Economist Business Intelligence). A strong economy offers more employment opportunities.

10. Growing Economy Canada is amongst the top economies in the world. As a result, Canada also has a high standard of living and quality of life which makes it attractive for students as well as immigrants.

