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Top 5 Things You Can Do to Prepare for Life in Canada

1. Thoroughly research which province/city you want to live in

Geographically, Canada is an exceptionally large country. Depending on where you live, there are significant differences in weather, culture, and cost of living. Make sure you will be happy where you are planning to settle.

2. Get your language ability tested

If you are coming to Canada to work or study, you will have to demonstrate you meet the language requirements for your immigration stream. The most common English exam is the IELTS. It can be written via computer in some countries. The CELPIP exam is also available in some countries.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/express-entry/documents/language-requirements/language-testing.html>

<https://www.ielts.org/>

<https://www.celpip.ca/>

3. Get your education assessed

All skilled worker applicants require an assessment of their post-secondary education. This is to determine the Canadian equivalency of your diploma, certificate, degree, etc. World Education Services is a great resource for this.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/express-entry/documents/education-assessed.html>

<https://www.wes.org/ca/eca/>

4. Save Money

There are some exceptions, but in most cases, you must demonstrate you can support yourself while in Canada. This is especially important for students that may not be planning on working in Canada. They must be able to afford tuition and living expenses for the entire duration of their program.

5. Familiarize Yourself with Permanent Residency Requirements

Permanent resident status is not the same as being a Canadian citizen. There are several guidelines that must be followed in order to maintain permanent resident status, including limits to the amount of time you can spend outside of Canada.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/new-immigrants/pr-card/understand-pr-status.html>



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