

Inviting family members, relatives or friends to visit Canada

If your family or friends want to visit you in Canada for either your convocation or just a vacation, they will need to apply for a Temporary Resident Visa (TRV). This application can be completed at the Canadian Embassy, Consulate, Visa Office or High commission office closest to where they live (if they are from a country which requires a TRV to enter Canada). For more information, click [here](#).

Countries whose citizens require a TRV to enter Canada can be found on Citizenship and Immigration Canada's website at: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp>

Students must complete 6 months of studies in Canada to invite family or friends. Applications are typically denied by Canadian officials when students are unable to prove that they have been registered for 6 months of studies.

You may send the following documents to the family/friends you wish to invite; they can use these as supporting documents when applying for a TRV at the Canadian Consulate back home.

1. Photocopy of your passport

2a. If you are currently enrolled in school

Photocopy of your **study permit** AND a current **Confirmation of Registration letter**. Your study permit should be valid for the duration of the time that your family/friends intend to stay in Canada.

You will also need to include your official transcript.

or

2b. If you have completed degree requirements

Photocopy of your **post-graduation work permit** and/or **study permit** AND current **Confirmation of Registration letter**. At least one of your immigration documents should be valid for the duration of the time that your family/friends intend to stay in Canada.

You will also need to include your official transcript.

3. Letter of invitation written by you

Note: The International Office does not provide letters of invitation; you must write the letter of invitation yourself. The following are guidelines taken from the CIC website. For more information, refer to <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/letter.asp>

Some visa offices may require that your letter be notarized by a Notary Public. Please note that a letter of invitation does not guarantee that a visa will be issued. Visa officers assess **the applicant** to determine whether they meet the requirements of the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act*. Your letter must include all of the following information:

About the person being invited:

- Complete name
- Date of birth
- The person's address and telephone number
- Your relationship to the person being invited
- The purpose of the trip (If you are inviting your parents for Convocation, you must include the dates of your convocation ceremony.)
- How long the person you are inviting intends to stay in Canada
- Details on accommodation and living expenses
- The date the person you are inviting intends to leave Canada

About yourself:

- Complete name
- Date of birth
- Address and telephone number in Canada
- Occupation
- Status in Canada (e.g. student, worker, Canadian citizen, permanent resident)*

Your parents/friends will have to provide **proof of economic and social ties to their home country** as part of their application. The stronger the ties to their home country, the greater the chance that they could successfully prove to an Immigration Officer that they will return to their home country after visiting Canada.

Economic ties include: Bank statements, proof of financial investments, letters of employment, proof of business ownership, proof of property ownership, etc.

Social ties include: Evidence that family members back home depend on them for financial /social support and that they must return home after their visit in order to meet these social obligations.

If you state that you will be supporting your family and friends during their visit to Canada you will need to show proof of financial support using documents such as a bank statement and/or pay stubs or a letter of employment.

SAMPLE LETTER

The Canadian Embassy,
Immigration Section

May 1, 2012

Dear Visa Officer,

Re: Letter of invitation for my parents (Arun Patel and Meera Patel)

This letters is to support the Temporary Resident Visitor Visa application of my parents. My father, Arun Patel (born Feb 16, 1943) and my mother, Meera Patel (born June 8, 1946) live at 34 Crimson Glory, Apt 231, Bandra West, Mumbai 40100,India. Their home phone number is 422-9534.

It has been one year since I have seen my parents and so I would like to invite them to spend some time with me here in Canada. They intend to stay with me at my home for 2 weeks, from June 5th to 19th, 2012. They will be booking their flights to leave India on May 16th, 2012.Housing and food costs during their stay will be covered by me; they will cover all other costs for their trip.

I am currently an international student, studying at Centennial College in Toronto, Ontario. I have attached a copy of my passport and study permit. My date of birth is April 17th, 1986. My address is 22 Village Sq, Apt. 34, Toronto, ON, Canada M2S 3D5. My phone number is 647 895 4122 and my email address is rani.engineer@gmail.com

Thank you in advance for consideration of my parents' temporary resident visa application.

Sincerely,
Rani Patel

SAMPLE LETTER FOR INVITING FAMILY TO CONVOCATION

The Canadian Embassy,
Immigration Section

May 1, 2012

Dear Visa Officer,

Re: Letter of invitation for my parents (Hu Chan and Bao Chan)

This letters is to support the Temporary Resident Visitor Visa application of my parents. My father, Hu Chan (born Feb 16, 1943) and my mother, Bao Chan (born June 8, 1946) live at

Apt 1012, No.39 Yanan Road West
Guangzhou, Guangdong
P.R China
200231

Their home phone number is 422-9534.

I am an international student in Canada. I completed my Two Year Business Accounting program on April 27, 2012 at Centennial College in Toronto. I would like to invite my parents to attend my convocation ceremony that will take place on June 10th, 2012 in Toronto. They intend to stay with me at my home for 2 weeks, from June 5th to 19th, 2012. They will be booking their flights to leave P.R China on May 16th, 2012. Housing and food costs during their stay will be covered by me; they will cover all other costs for their trip.

I have attached a copy of my passport and study permit. My date of birth is April 17th, 1986. I live at 2334 Lawrence Ave East, Toronto, Ontario, M2D 3W4. My phone number is 647 895 4122 and my email address is lianc23@hotmail.com

Thank you in advance for consideration of my parents' temporary resident visa application.

Sincerely,
Lian Chan