

# ARRIVING IN CANADA

## Before You Travel to Canada



**Before travelling to Canada, ensure you have all necessary documents ready:**

- Valid travel document (e.g., TRV, eTA, or passport)
- Port of Entry Letter of Introduction (study permit approval letter)
- [Provincial Attestation Letter \(PAL\)](#) from your study province or territory
- Letter of acceptance from YorkU (available in [MyFile](#))
- [Proof of Enrolment](#)
- Proof of funds (clear, up-to-date bank statements for yourself & dependents)
  - Tuition Payment Confirmation (if paid, available in [Student Account Online Statement](#))



**Keep photocopies and digital scans of all required documents in your carry-on, not in checked luggage. Declare any amount of CAD \$10,000 or more at customs.**

## Additional Documents



**Some additional documents may be required based on your situation:**

- English Language Proficiency Exam results (hard copy)
- If you've been in a [designated country](#) for more than 6 months in the last year, are a medical student or will work in [jobs which require a medical exam](#), bring a hard copy of a [valid medical exam](#) completed within 12 months of travelling
- Medical and immunization records from home country including COVID-19 vaccination (s)
- Proof of Address (apartment lease or on-campus Housing Offer Letter)
- Phone number(s) of family member in Canada
- [Spouses & Dependents of International Students](#)



**The Study Permit issued to the students after verification by CBSA (Canadian Border Services Agency) officers at their first port of entry in Canada.**

## After Arriving in Canada



Once you arrive, there are a few key steps to complete:

- [Airport Transfer](#) (if applicable)
- Transportation to York University is (22 mins from Pearson International Airport via [Airport Taxi](#), [Uber](#), [Lyft](#))
- Learn about public transportation in Toronto ([TTC](#), [YRT](#), [MiWay](#), [Brampton Transit](#), [GO Transit](#), [Union Pearson Express](#))
- Apply for [Social Insurance Number](#) (SIN)
- Set up your [Passport York Account](#) (if not done already)
- Get your [YU Card](#)
- Check for [University Health Insurance Plan](#) card on your Passport York email
- Shop for living essentials and groceries
- Enjoy and explore

## Orientation Week



Participate in [Orientation Week](#) to kickstart your journey as a new incoming international student!

### Academic Orientation

Hosted by your faculty and allows you to meet peers, connect and learn about your program and resources!

### [International & Exchange Orientation](#)

Meet other international and exchange students, and discover key resources at York International!

### Social Orientation

Offered by your College/Faculty, this week-long event features sports, carnivals, live performances, and fun trips to explore York University!

### Residence Orientation

Features social and educational activities to enhance your experience in residence. Learn about resources and connect with fellow residents!