

Generic Application Form for Canada (IMM 0008)

This form must be completed by:

- you, the principal applicant

You must answer all questions on this form unless indicated otherwise.



You must fill this form out on a computer, as the Generic Application Form for Canada (IMM 0008) **MUST** have a **2D barcode**. Make sure that:

- as you enter information on the IMM 0008 online you complete all mandatory fields in order to “Validate” the form and create the 2D barcode.
- once the form has been filled out, you validate the IMM 0008 by clicking the “Validate” button on the last page.

Note that validation does not mean that the form is submitted to us, it means that a 2D barcode will be generated and printed on the IMM 0008.

If you make a change to one page of a form after printing, you must click the “Validate” button again and reprint the entire form again so that the barcode will capture all the changes.

If the barcode is missing or cannot be machine read properly for any reason, for PSR applications, the application may be returned to your sponsor without being processed.

Application Details

Question 1

From the list, select **Refugee**

Question 2

From the list, select **Outside Canada - Refugee**

Question 3

Write the total number of family members included in your application. This includes yourself and all your [family members](#) **regardless of whether they plan to accompany you to Canada or not.**

Question 4

Language preference

From the list, select your preferred language for:

- a. correspondence (all correspondence you will receive from us must be in English or French);

- b. interview (if you select English or French, an interpreter will not be required); and
- c. interpreter requested (necessary if you do not select English or French for the interview).

Question 5

If you are a privately sponsored refugee, you must plan to reside in the same city/community as your sponsor because they will help you integrate into Canadian society.

If you are a government assisted refugee, you will be destined by IRCC to a location in Canada that is best suited to accommodate you.

From the list select the:

- a. Province/Territory
- b. City/Town

Question 6

If you plan to live in the Province of Quebec a “Certificat de Sélection du Québec” (CSQ) will need to be obtained for you. For GAR applicants, select “**No**”. If you are selected for resettlement to the province of Quebec, the IRCC office will make the arrangements during the process for you.

Principal Applicant’s Personal Details

The Principal Applicant must answer the following questions:

Question 1

Enter your **family name** (surname or last name) as shown on your passport, travel or identity document.

Enter all of your **given name(s)** (first, second or more) as shown on your passport, travel or identity document. Do not use initials.

Question 2

Check the box to tell us if you have ever used any other names other than the ones you listed in question 1. This could be your:

- birth name;
- maiden name;
- married name;
- nickname, etc.

If you checked “**Yes**”, tell us your nicknames/alias in the family name and given name(s) fields.

Question 3

If you know your Unique Client Identifier number (UCI), enter it here. This is an 8 or 10 digit number you can find on previous visas or visa refusal letters. If you do not know your UCI, leave this space blank. If this is your first immigration application with us, you will not have a UCI.

Question 4

From the list, select your sex (male, female or unknown).

In the future, we will be introducing an "X" in the gender field. Until this becomes available, you may request a supporting document (free of charge) that will state that your sex is unspecified. You can request this document once your application has been approved and you have received your immigration document. [Find out how to request this document with X.](#)

If your passport or travel document has a sex designation other than male (M) or female (F): On your application forms, identify the sex you would like displayed (M or F) until the X can be issued. The sex chosen (M or F) on your application will be the sex printed on your document.

Question 5

Enter your height in either centimetres or feet and inches.

Question 6

From the list, select your eye color.

Question 7

Enter your complete date of birth. If you do not know your complete date of birth, use a "*" (star sign/asterisk) to fill in the spaces for the unknown year, month or day. For example, if you do not know your date and month of birth you can indicate it as */*/1967.

Question 8

Enter your place of birth, including the city/ town. From the list, select your country of birth.

Question 9

Citizenship(s)

1. From the list, select your country of citizenship.
2. If you are a citizen of more than one country, select your other countries of citizenship.

Stateless means only persons who are not recognized as a citizen of any country. If you are a citizen of a country, even if you choose not to live there or are afraid of persecution, you are still a citizen of that country and must enter that as your citizenship.

Question 10

From the list, select your country of residence.

If you are “out-of-status” (have no immigration status in your country of residence):

- for “Status”, select **Other**;
- for “Other”, type in **Out of status**;
- in the “From” box, enter when you arrived in your country of residence regardless of when you became out of status; and
- leave the “To” box blank.

Question 11

If you have been to Canada in the past, enter the date of your last entry to Canada.

Enter the place you last entered Canada (example: Toronto airport or Lacolle border crossing).

Question 12

Check the box to tell us if you have lived in any country other than your country of citizenship or your current country of residence for more than six (6) months in the past five (5) years.

If you checked “Yes”, for each country select:

- the name of the country you lived in;
- your immigration status for the time you were in that country; and
- the dates (from – to) you were living in that country.

Question 13

- a. From the list, choose your current marital status:

Annulled Marriage

This is a marriage that is legally declared as not valid.

Common-Law

This means that you have lived continuously with your partner in a marital-type relationship for a minimum of one (1) year.

Divorced

This means that you are officially separated and have legally ended your marriage.

Legally Separated

This means that you are married, but no longer living with your spouse.

Married

This means that you and your spouse have had a ceremony that legally binds you to each other. Your marriage must be legally recognized in the country where it was performed and in Canada.

Single

This means that you have never been married and are not in a common-law relationship.

Widowed

This means that your spouse has died and that you have not re-married or entered into a common-law relationship.

- b. Enter the date (year, month and day) you were married or you entered into your current common-law relationship.
- c. Enter the family name(s) and given name(s) of your current spouse or common-law partner.

Question 14

Check the box to tell us if you have ever been married or in a common-law relationship. If you checked “Yes”, provide the following details for your previous spouse/common-law partner:

- Family name(s);
- Given name(s);
- Type of relationship:
 - Common-law **or**
 - Married
- Dates (from – to) you were in the relationship with your previous spouse/common-law partner;
and
- Date of birth.

Contact Information

Question 1

Enter your current mailing address (where information should be mailed) by typing the following information:

- Post Office Box (P.O. Box) number, if applicable. If you do not have a post office box, provide when possible:
- Apartment (Apt.) or Unit number
- Street number (No.)
- Street name
- City/Town
- Country
- Province/State
- Postal code/zip code
- District

Question 2

Check the box to tell us if your residential address (where you live) is the same as your mailing address. If “**No**”, provide when possible:

- Apartment (Apt.) or Unit number
- Street Number (No.)
- Street Name
- City/Town
- Country
- Province/State
- Postal Code/zip code
- District

Question 3

Check the box to tell us if the telephone number is from Canada/the United States (US) or any other country.

From the list, select the type of telephone:

- Residence (home)
- Cellular (cell/mobile)

- Business (work)

Enter your telephone number including the country code and area/regional codes.

If you have an extension number, enter it after your phone number under “Ext. (extension)”



To ensure your file can be processed in a timely fashion, it is important to us to be able to communicate directly with you. **If your phone number changes, [notify IRCC as soon as possible](#).**

Question 4

If you have a second telephone number, enter it here. Providing more methods of contact will help make sure we can contact you with information about your application.

Question 5

If you have a fax number, enter it here.

Question 6

Enter your e-mail address, for example: name@provider.net



It is highly recommended for you to provide a personal email address as email is the primary method of communication for us. If for exceptional reasons, you cannot provide a personal email address, you must explain why on a separate page and attach it to the Generic Application form for Canada (IMM 0008). If you do not provide an email address, processing of the application will be delayed.

If your e-mail address changes, notify IRCC as soon as possible.

Passport

Question 1

Check the box to tell us if you have a valid passport or travel document. If you don't have one or cannot obtain one, you must check the “No” box.

If you do not have a passport or travel document and are unable to obtain one, you must tell us on your forms. In this situation, we will provide you with a travel document so you can be resettled to Canada.

Question 2

If you checked “Yes”, provide your passport or travel document number.

Question 3

From the list, select the country that issued your passport or travel document.

Question 4

Enter the date your passport or travel document was issued.

Question 5

Enter the expiry date of your passport or travel document.

National Identity Document**Question 1**

Check the box to tell us if you have a valid identity document from any country. If you have more than one, please use the one from your country of origin.

Question 2

If you checked “Yes”, provide your identity document number.

Question 3

From the list, select the name of the country that issued your identity document.

Question 4

Enter the issue date of your identity document.

Question 5

Enter the expiry date of your identity document.

Education/Occupation Detail**Question 1**

From the list, select your highest level of education.

None

No education.

Secondary or less

High school diploma obtained after elementary school and before college, university, or other formal training.

Trade / Apprenticeship certificate / Diploma

Diploma completed in a specific trade, such as carpentry or auto mechanics.

Non-university certificate / Diploma

Training in a profession that requires formal education but not at the university level.

Post-secondary – No degree

Post-secondary studies at a college or university but no degree earned.

Bachelor's degree

Academic degree awarded by a college or university to those who completed an undergraduate curriculum; also called a baccalaureate.

Post Graduate – No degree

Post Graduate studies at a college or university but no degree earned (for example, Master or PhD).

Master's degree

Academic degree awarded by a graduate school of a college or university. You must have completed a Bachelor's degree before a Master's degree can be earned.

Doctorate – PhD

Highest university degree. Normally, you must have completed a Master's degree before a PhD can be earned.

Question 2

Enter the total number of years of formal education that you have completed, including elementary and secondary school.

Question 3

Enter your current occupation. If you are unemployed, write down "unemployed".

Question 4

Enter your intended occupation in Canada.

Language Details**Question 1**

This question is not used for selection purposes. From the list, select your first (native) language. This is the language that you learned at home during your childhood and that you still understand. If your native language is not in this list, select "Other".

- a. If your native language is not English or French, select which one you would most likely use:

- English
- French
- Neither

b. From the list, select whether you are able to communicate in English and/or French:

- English
- French
- Both
- Neither

Dependent(s) i.e. your family members

All questions in this section are about your family members that meet the IRCC definition (see [above](#)). You must include all family members below who are **not** already permanent residents or Canadian citizens:

To add a new dependent to the application, click the “Add Dependent” button, located at the bottom of the page. To remove a dependant from the application, click the “Remove Dependent” button.

If you have more than five (5) family members, complete the following form for **each** additional family member:

- [Additional Dependents/Declaration \(IMM 0008DEP\) \(PDF, 434 KB\)](#)

Dependent’s Personal Details

Questions 1-9

Questions 1 to 9 are the same as the questions you answered for yourself. See the **previous instructions** to help you answer the questions for your dependent(s).

Question 10

From the list, select your dependent’s relationship to you, the principal applicant:

Question 11

- a. Check the box to tell us if your dependent will accompany you to Canada.
- b. If you answered “**No**”, explain why your dependent is non-accompanying.

Question 12

From the list, select the type of dependent.

Type A

A dependent child is **under** the age of 22 and single.

Type C

A dependent child is 22 years of age or older, has depended substantially on the financial support of a parent since before the age of 22, and is unable to provide for himself or herself because of a medical condition. If you select “Type C”, you must include documents that confirm the medical condition of your child.

Questions 13 – 17

Questions about education, occupations and language are the same as the questions you answered for yourself. Please see the [previous instructions](#) to help you answer these questions for your dependent(s).

Consent and Declaration of Applicant

Follow these instructions to make sure your form is filled out properly.

1. Fill in the section:
 1. Write your name in the space provided.
 2. Check the box to tell us if you agree that the information in this application related to your intended occupation, education and work experience may be shared with prospective employers to help them in hiring workers.
 3. Print the forms and sign and date in the spaces provided. If you are **less than 18 years of age**, your form must be signed by one of your parents or a legal guardian. **By signing, you certify that you fully understand the questions asked, and that the information you have provided is complete, truthful, and correct. If you do not sign, the application will not be processed.**
2. Once you have completed the form, click on the “**Validate**” button located at the top or bottom of the form. This will generate a **barcode page or pages** (see image below).



3. **Print all pages** of your application form. If you make a change to one page of the form after printing, you must click on the “**Validate**” button again and reprint all pages of the form again so that the barcode will capture all changes when scanned.
 4. When you are preparing your application package, place the barcode page(s) on the top of the IMM 0008 application form.
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Schedule A – Background/Declaration (IMM 5669)

This form must be completed by:

- you, the principal applicant;
- your spouse or common-law partner (whether accompanying you to Canada or not); **and**
- your dependent children aged 18 years or older (whether accompanying you to Canada or not).

You can download, save and fill out the form on a computer.

Reminder: When filling out all the necessary forms, be complete and accurate. If a section does not apply to you, then, write “Not Applicable” or “N/A”. If you need more space for any section, print out another page with the appropriate section, complete it and submit it with your application.

Question 1

Enter your full **family name** (surname or last name) as shown on your passport, travel or identity document.

Enter all of your **given name(s)** (first, second or more) as shown on your passport, travel or identity document. Do not use initials.

Question 2

Name in native language/script

Enter your name in your native language or script (Arabic, Cyrillic, Chinese, Farsi, Korean, Japanese characters or Chinese commercial/telegraphic code, etc.).

Question 3

Date of birth

Enter your date of birth. If you do not know your complete date of birth, use a “*” (star sign/asterisk) to fill in the spaces for the unknown year, month or day. For example, if you do not know your date and month of birth you can write it as */*/1967.

Question 4

Provide your **father's** personal details including his:

- Family name (surname or last name);
- Given name(s);
- Date of birth;
- Town/ City of birth;
- Country of birth; and
- Date of death (if applicable).

Question 5

Provide your **mother's** personal details including her:

- Family name (surname or last name);
- Given name(s);
- Date of birth;
- Town/ City of birth;
- Country of birth; and
- Date of death (if applicable).

Question 6

Answer each question by checking the appropriate box.

If you answered “**Yes**” to one or more of these questions, you must provide explanation in the space provided. If you need more space, attach a separate sheet of paper.

For questions 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, when answering:

- **do not use abbreviations.**
- **do not leave gaps in time.**
- **do not skip time periods. You must account for all time periods.**

Question 7

Enter the number of years of formal education you have completed at each of the levels indicated.

Provide the details about each secondary and post-secondary educational institution you attended, including the:

- period of time that you attended the institution;
- type of certificate or diploma issued; and
- field of study.

If no diploma was issued, write “N/A (Not Applicable)”.

Question 8

Provide the details of your personal history since the age of 18, or the past 10 years, whichever is most recent.

Start with the most recent information.

If you were working:

- under “Activity”, enter your occupation or job title;
- make sure you provide a specific job title; and
- if your title does not clearly reflect your job, provide a brief list of your duties.

If you were not working:

- explain what you were doing (unemployed, studying, travelling, retired, in detention, etc.).

If you were outside your country of nationality, enter your status in that country.

Question 9

If you were or still are a member of an association or organization, enter the name(s) here. This includes:

- political organizations
- social organizations
- youth or student organizations
- trade unions
- professional associations

If you were not a member of an association or organization, do not write “N/A (Not Applicable)”. Instead, write: **“I have never been a member of an organization or association”**.

Question 10

Enter any government positions you have held in the past such as:

- Civil servant
- Judge
- Police officer
- Employee in a security organization

Include:

- the name of the country and the level of jurisdiction (examples: national, regional or municipal);
- the name of the department or the branch you worked for; and activities and/or positions that you held.

If you did not hold any government positions, write "N/A (Not Applicable)".

Question 11

Give complete details about your military or paramilitary service including mandatory/compulsory service. Provide the details of your military or paramilitary service for each of the countries whose armed forces you served in.

If you were not in any military or paramilitary service, write "N/A (Not Applicable)".

Question 12

Enter the residential addresses where you have lived since your 18th birthday or the past 10 years, whichever is most recent. Do not use P.O. box addresses. Be as specific as possible.

Declaration of applicant

Read all of the statements in all sections carefully. Sign and date in the boxes provided. **By signing, you certify that you fully understand the questions asked, and that the information you have provided is complete, truthful, and correct. If you do not sign, the application will not be processed.**

Interpreter declaration: Leave this section blank

Solemn declaration: Leave this section blank

Features

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- you, the principal applicant;
- your spouse or common-law partner (whether accompanying you to Canada or not), **and**;
- your dependent children aged 18 years or older (whether accompanying you to Canada or not).

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General Application Information

Check the box to tell us if you are:

- the principal applicant; or
- a family member.

Write your:

- Family name
- Given name(s)
- Date of birth.
- Unique Client Identifier (UCI) or file number (if you know).

Parts A and B: CASE NARRATIVE & IMMIGRATION STATUS AND SETTLEMENT ABILITIES

For parts A & B, read the questions carefully and provide as much information as possible. Providing precise information will make it easier for us to process your application.

Part C: ADDITIONAL FAMILY INFORMATION

You **must** list all family members on this form even if they are not accompanying you to Canada, are deceased, presumed deceased or their whereabouts are unknown.

If the family member is deceased, type “deceased” in the “present address and e-mail address” box.

If the family member’s location is unknown, type “unknown” in the “present address and e-mail address” box.

Question 8

Family information

Provide the following information for yourself, your spouse (if applicable), your mother and father. Enter their:

- name
- relationship
- date of birth
- city/town and country of birth
- marital status
- present address
- e-mail address

Question 9

Children

You must list the following information for all of your children. Enter their:

- name
- their relationship to you (e.g. daughter, son, step-daughter, adopted son)
- date of birth
- city/town and country of birth
- marital status
- present address
- e-mail address

Question 10

Brothers and sisters

Provide the following information for all your brothers and sisters. Enter their:

- name
- relationship to you (sister, brother, step-sister, step-brother, etc.)
- date of birth
- city/town and country of birth
- marital status (including common-law relationships) **and**

- present address
- e-mail address

Question 11

Relatives in Canada

Provide the following information for all any relatives you have in Canada. Enter their:

- name
- relationship to you (aunt, uncle, brother, sister, cousin, etc.)
- telephone number
- current city and province of residence
- e-mail address

This information is used for GAR applicants to help in matching them with a destination in Canada.

Part D: CONSENT AND DECLARATION

Question 12

- A. Tell us if someone helped you complete your application. This includes anyone who helped you answer the questions.

If you answer “**Yes**”, write the name of the individual or organization that helped you.

- B. Tell us if you paid this person or organization to help you complete your form.

Question 13

Declaration of applicant

Read the declaration, sign and date. **If you do not sign, the application will be returned to you.**