# Admission Process for Non-Resident Students

International Students and Admissions Office August 2025



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### **How to Find Us**

External Landing Site: <a href="https://www.StudyToronto.ca">www.StudyToronto.ca</a>

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#### International Students and Admissions Office

The International Students and Admissions Office (ISAO) assists all international students interested in applying to the TDSB international education programs.

Our team provides support in the following areas:

- Processing international student applications
- Managing renewal, refund, and deferral requests
- Issuing enrollment confirmation letters for international students
- Arranging emergency medical insurance for eligible international students

In addition, the ISAO facilitates access to TDSB schools for other non-resident students who may qualify for fee-exempt status. In accordance with TDSB PR518 and Ontario 2024: SB16, the students' documentation will be reviewed, and admission letters will be issued to eligible students that meet the Ministry's requirements prior to registration at the local school by residential address. Please visit **Admission for Non-Resident Students**/ page for more information.



## International Students and Admissions Office (ISAO) What do we assist with?

- Fee-paying International student applications
- Admission of Non-Resident students (non-fee-paying)
- Support school offices, external clients on all admission inquiries (Phone calls, emails, walk-ins)



## Non-Resident Students: Who Are They?

**Non-Resident Students**: International students other than Canadian citizens or Permanent Residents with temporary resident visa, such as:

- Refugee claimant documents or;
- Study permit in Canada.

They could be fee-paying or fee exempt, depending on their status in Canada.



## Non-Fee-Paying International Students

ISAO follows the Ministry Guidelines and TDSB policies in handling all admission requests:

- Operational Procedure PR518
- <u>Policy P061(2007)</u>
- Ontario 2024: SB16



## Students holding the following documents can register at school directly:

- Canadian birth certificate
- Canadian passport
- Parent's Canadian passport or citizenship card
- Canadian permanent resident card
- Confirmation of permanent residence from IRCC
- Convention refugees/Refugee Claimant Protection/Document
- Acknowledgement of Claim and Notice to Return for Interview
- Confirmation of refugee status from Refugee Board of Canada
- Parent's valid work permit, work permit approval letter
- Approval in Principle Letter from IRCC confirming permanent residence application
- Certificate of Indian Status



## **Expired documents**

Students with the following documents can enroll at school directly:

- Expired landing paper from IRCC
- Expired PR card
- Expired Refugee Claimant Protection/Identification Document



#### **Admission Letters**

- An admission letter is issued if the student/family meets the Ministry requirements
- The Admission Letter will be emailed to the parent/legal guardian and the School.
- Students with valid admission letters should be entered in PowerSchool as "Pupil of the Board"
- The admissions Letter will indicate the expiration date and the status of the student in Canada
- The Admissions letter should be filed along with the student's Attestation Form in the OSR

https://www.tdsb.on.ca/internationalstudents/International-Students/Admissions-for-Non-Resident-Students

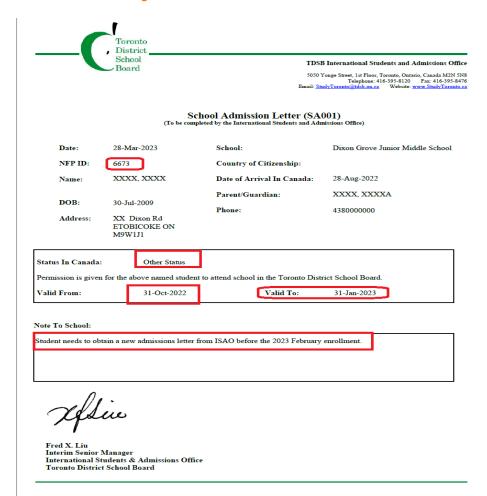


# Students of the following categories should be directed to ISAO for an Admission Letter Prior to Registration at School:

- Students with a study permit
- Students whose parents are on a study permit
- Students whose parent is in the process of applying for a work permit
- Students whose parents are on a Canadian Forces Permit
- Students on a Travel Visa, Visitor's Visa or eTA to Canada whose admission may be subject to payment of fees to the TDSB
- Dependents of foreign diplomats
- Dependents of foreign Religious Clergy
- Students with no verification documents



### **Sample Admission Letter**





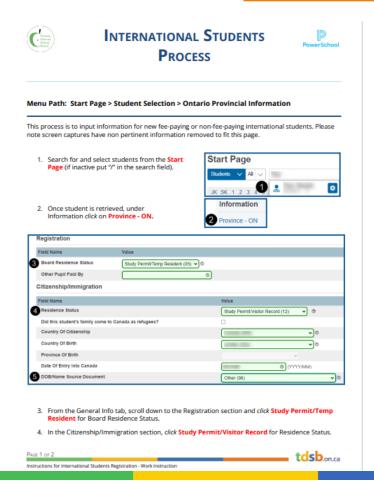
An admission letter from the International Student Admissions Office MUST be presented, reviewed and filed in OSR for students on Study Permit and parent on a Study Permit. Ensure all data is entered under Other Student Information Tab in PowerSchool.

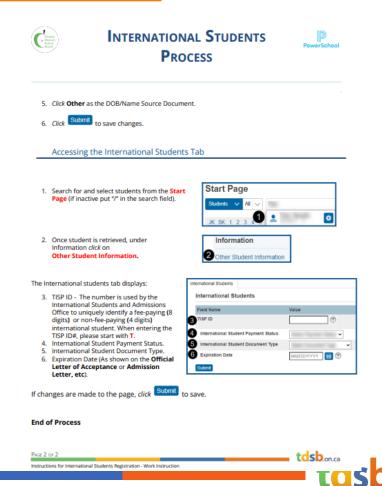
Insurance Purchase is strongly recommended.



## **Entering Students in PowerSchool**

#### Instruction on Service IT





## **Non-Residents Turning 18**

For most of the non-resident students, fee-exempt status would end once the students turn 18 years old.

- Students should be kept enrolled at current school until end of current semester as fee-exempt;
- Tuition fee shall apply for the subsequent semester;
- Students should be directed to ISAO to complete application, pay tuition and receive Official Letter of Acceptance
- Most new 18+ Non-Resident students are subject to paying tuition fee and shall be placed at adult schools



## Adult Students (18+)

#### **Fee-Paying Adult Students:**

- International students with a study permit only
- Visitors to Canada enrolled in programs under 6 months
- Work permit holders enrolled in programs under 6 months
- Foreign nationals without qualifying immigration status or exemptions

#### **Fee-Exempt Adult Students:**

- Canadian Citizens
- Permanent Residents
- Refugee Claimants or Protected Persons

#### Required Documentation for Refugee/Asylum Fee Exemption:

- Protected Person Status Document
- Letter from Immigration and Refugee Board confirming Convention Refugee or Protected Person status
- Acknowledgement of Refugee Claim Letter
- Notice of Decision Letter.
- Other official IRCC correspondence confirming refugee protection



## **Student Changing Status**

## Fee-paying to non-fee-paying

- Proper documentation is required
- Status of student needs to be updated in PowerSchool
  - Instruction on Service IT

## Non-fee-paying to Fee-Paying

- Students should be directed to ISAO if the student fee-exempt status expires
- Official Letter of Acceptance and Receipt is required to continue at current school



### **Example 1: Students with Parent on Work Permit**

#### Documentation required for registration:

- 1. Copy of birth certificate (or passport)
- Parent's valid work permit from IRCC, Work Permit Approval Letter from IRCC
- 3. 2 pieces of proof of address in Toronto with name of parent/legal guardian on it

#### Please note:

- 1. The parent holding the work permit must be living physically here in Toronto with the student.
- 2. Students go to school to register directly.
- 3. Student must be under 18 years of age.
- 4. Please flag the expiration date of the parent's work permit.



## Sample Work Permit & Approval Letter





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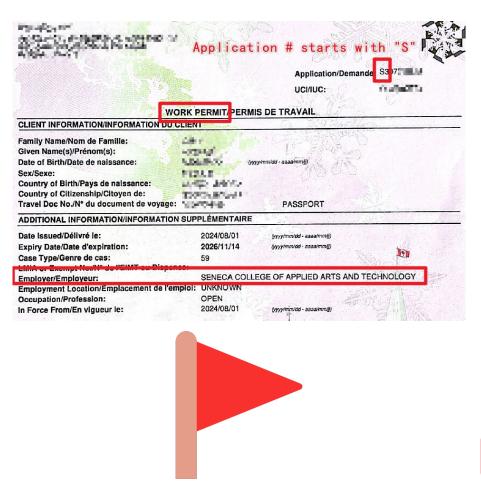


## Sample Work Permit





## Sample Coop Work Permit & Approval Letter





Your application to remain in Canada as a temporary resident has been approved. A secure document has been mailed to you at the address that you provided when you made your application. If you have not received your secure document within six weeks, contact IRCC.

Please note that as per the Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations (IRPR), a valid medical examination is required if you are seeking to work in certain occupations in which the protection of public health is essential. Please review the following page to find out more about such occupations: Medical exams for visitors, students and workers

If you do not have valid medical results you may have received condition 15 or 16 printed on your permit stating "Not authorized to work in 1) child care, 2) primary or secondary school teaching, 3) health services field occupations (condition 15), 4) agricultural occupations (condition 16)". If you wish to remove these conditions on your Permit, you will need to complete a medical examination and then, you must submit a new application. You also need a valid medical exam if you are coming to Canada for more than 6 months and you lived in one or more of these countries or territories for at least 6 months in a row within the last year.

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This letter is not valid for travel and is not a permit allowing you to remain in Canada.



## **Example 2: Students Born to Canadian Citizen/PR Outside of Canada**

Documentation required for registration:

- Copy of Student's birth certificate
- Proof of parent's Canadian citizenship/PR
- Proof that an application for the student's citizenship is in process (receipt for confirmation from IRCC)
- 2 pieces of proof of address in Toronto

Students go to school to register directly. No admissions letter is required from ISAO.



## **Example 3: Student with Expired Status**

Documentation is required for registration:

- Copy of passport
- Proof visa has expired or been canceled by IRCC
- Date of entry (page of passport stamped by Canada Border Services; or boarding pass
- Proof of address in Toronto

If the above verification documents are not available, you can ask for:

- Affidavit from a lawyer or notary public confirming the status of the family (arrival date, no change of status etc)

Families should be directed to ISAO if the school is unable to verify the above.



## **Example 4: Student with Refugee Claimant Protection Document from IRCC**

Documentation Required for Registration:

- Refugee Protection Identity Document (Brown Paper)
   from IRCC or Decision from the Refugee Board (Court)
- Copy of Birth Certificate
- 2 pieces of Proof of address in Toronto

Students should go to school to register directly. No admission letter is required from ISAO.



## Sample Brown Paper & Court Decision





Commission de l'immigration et du statut de réfugié du Canada Section de la protection des réfugiés

RPD File:

#### NOTICE OF DECISION

[Immigration and Refugee Protection Act, subsection 107(1)] [Refugee Protection Division Rules, rule 67]

In the claims for refugee protection of:	Date of birth:	UCI:
Section Control		200

The claims were heard on March 4, 2021.

The Refugee Protection Division determines that the claimants are Convention refugees and therefore accepts the claims.

The reasons for the decision are attached.

March 26, 2021

M. Hayes Member

YLM, Case Management Officer
For the Registrar
Tel: 1-866-790-0581



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## **Example 5: Students with Parent on a Study Permit**

#### Documentation Required for Registration:

- Copy of student's passport or birth certificate
- Admissions letter from ISAO
  - Provide information and checklist to the family if possible
- 2 pieces of Proof of Address in Toronto with name of parent on it

#### Please note:

- Admissions letter is required Prior to registration at school, regardless of whether the student has a study permit or not.
- The admission letter is valid for 1 semester only under normal circumstances. New admission letter is required before enrollment for the new semester.
- Parent holding the study permit must be physically here in Toronto and staying with the student.

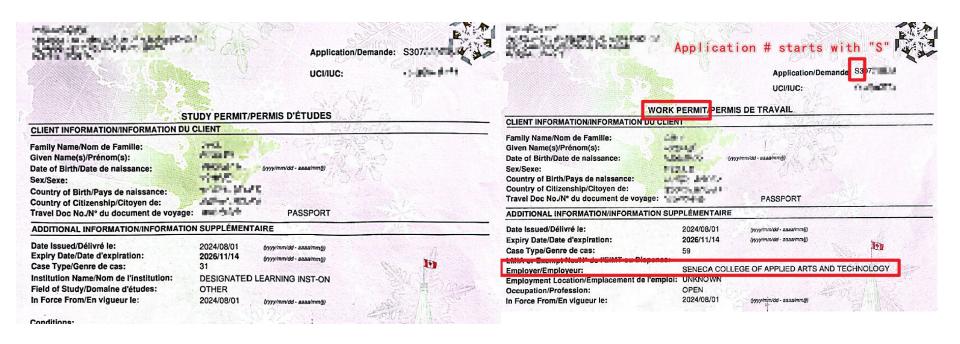


## Family can start to gather the following documents

- Parent's valid study permit and passport
- Official letter of acceptance from the post-secondary institution that receives operating grants from the Government of Ontario
- Proof that tuition fees have been paid (most recent receipts from Post Secondary Institution dashboard)
- Official enrollment confirmation letter of the parent
- Student's passport and birth certificate with English translation
- Date of Arrival or flight ticket or boarding pass
- 2 pieces of proof of address as per PR 518 (appendix C)
- Phone Number



## Sample Study Permit & Coop Work Permit





## **Example 6: Students in the Process of Applying for Refugee Protection**

### Documentation Required for Registration

- Acknowledgement of Claim and Notice to Return for Interview from IRCC
- Copy of passport or birth certificate
- 2 pieces of Proof of address in Toronto with parent's name on it

Students go to local schools to register directly.



## Sample Acknowledgement of Claim





## **Example 7: Students Holding Valid Study Permit**

- A student holding a valid study permit does not mean he/she can register directly at school without paying tuition fee
- Normally fee-paying international students need to have a valid study permit to attend school in Canada (for 6 months or longer)
- An admission letter or Official Letter of Acceptance is required prior to registration at school
- Please direct them to our office at admissions@tdsb.on.ca



## **Fee-Paying International Students**

- All applications are processed by ISAO
- Currently TDSB has students from 50+ countries
- About 2300 international students before COVID-19
- Approximately 1400 international students for 2024-25
- More information can be found on our website:

www.StudyToronto.ca



## Fee-Paying International Students Transitioning from Grade 8 to Grade 9

- School placement is based on the current residential address of custodian or legal guardian
- These students move on to Grade 9 schools in the neighborhood following same process as local students
- Students have the same access to Central Special Interest Programs (CSIP) as local students
- Students will need to renew the tuition fee payment with the ISAO and apply for new study permit each year



#### Resources

**Operational Procedure PR518 (updated 2024)** 

**Policy P061(2007)** 

**Ontario 2024: SB16** 

**Admissions Letter (Landing Page)** 

https://www.tdsb.on.ca/internationalstudents/Home/Admissions-for-Non-Resident-Students



## **Contacting Us**

Admissions@tdsb.on.ca

416-395 8120

**Thank You!** 

