



## International Education Agents

### Important information to consider when selecting or working with an international education agent.

There is no obligation for you to work with an international education agent to help you in your college application process. Deciding to utilize their services can be a challenging decision. When selecting an international educational agent, it's important for students to consider a few key factors to ensure the best possible assistance.

1. **Research and Verification:** Research potential agents thoroughly. Look for reputable agencies with a proven track record of successful student placements. Check for any certifications or affiliations with recognized educational institutions or organizations, especially within Canada.
2. **Services Offered:** Consider the range of services offered by the agent. This could include assistance with college applications, visa processes, accommodation arrangements, and general support during the transition to studying in Canada.
3. **Transparency and Communication:** Look for an agent that is transparent about their services, fees, and communication procedures. Clear communication is vital for a successful working relationship.
4. **Student/College Feedback:** Seek feedback from other international students or Colleges who have used the services of the agent. This can provide valuable insights into the agent's effectiveness and reliability.

Ultimately, the decision to work with an agent or to handle the process independently should be based on an individual student's circumstances, preferences, and resources. It's important for students to carefully weigh the pros and cons of using an agent before making their decision.

#### **Pros of working with an agent:**

- **Expertise and Guidance:** Educational agents can provide valuable expertise and guidance throughout the complex process of applying to and studying in Canada.
- **Access to Resources:** Agents often have access to resources and information that may not be readily available to individual students.
- **Support and Advocacy:** A good agent can offer valuable support and advocacy on behalf of the student.

#### **Cons of working with an agent:**

- **Cost:** Working with an agent may come with additional costs, including agency fees, which may not be affordable for all students.
- **Potential for Misrepresentation:** Some agents may not always act in the student's best interests, potentially misrepresenting information or promoting institutions for their own gain.
- **Lack of Personal Control:** Students who work with agents may have less direct control over their application process and may have to rely on the agent's judgement and decisions.

#### **Useful links**

[Visa offices outside Canada - Canada.ca](#)

[Office of Immigration and Multiculturalism - Government of Newfoundland and Labrador](#)

[Study in Canada as an international student - Canada.ca](#)

[Study permit: Who can apply - Canada.ca](#)

[Study permit - Canada.ca](#)

[Study permit: Get the right documents - Canada.ca](#)

[Study permit: How to apply - Canada.ca](#)



## Immigration Representative

### Important information to consider before selecting or working with an Immigration Representative.

Before choosing an immigration representative to help with your study permit application, it's important to carefully consider your individual circumstances. Using an immigration representative will not draw special attention to your application or guarantee that it will be approved. Selecting an immigration representative for help with the study permit application involves careful consideration. To assist you in making an informed choice, here are some pros and cons to consider. [Learn about representatives - Canada.ca](#)

#### **Pros of using an immigration representative:**

- **Expertise:** Immigration representatives are familiar with the study permit application process and can provide valuable guidance.
- **Reduced stress:** Having a representative can alleviate the stress of navigating complex immigration procedures.
- **Increased chance of success:** A skilled representative can help ensure that your application is thorough and meets all necessary requirements.

#### **Cons of using an immigration representative:**

- **Cost:** Hiring an immigration representative can be expensive and may not be viable for everyone.
- **Dependency:** Relying on a representative means yielding control over certain aspects of the application process.
- **Unscrupulous individuals:** There is a risk of encountering fraudulent or unqualified representatives who may not act in your best interest.

It's important to remember that while an immigration representative can assist with the application process, you are responsible for the accuracy and completeness of the information provided to the immigration authorities. When working with an immigration representative to help with your study permit process, here are some do's and don'ts to keep in mind:

#### **Do's**

- Ensure that your representative is authorized by a regulatory body, such as the Immigration Consultants of Canada Regulatory Council (ICCRC) or a provincial law society. [Find out if your representative is authorized - Canada.ca](#)
- Ask for references and check their reputation and success rate.
- Keep clear communication with your representative, providing all necessary documents and information promptly.
- Ask questions about the process and any fees involved to ensure transparency.
- Maintain copies of all documents and correspondence related to your study permit application.
- Request a signed receipt for any monies that you are requested to be paid.
- Be aware of representatives who encourage you to give false information in your application - it's against the law, and you could be denied entry into Canada or deported after you arrive.
- Request updates often on your application process.

#### **Don'ts:**

- Don't work with representatives who guarantee a successful application or make unrealistic promises.
- Don't sign any blank forms or documents provided by your representative.
- Don't leave original documents or photos with the representative.
- Don't make any payments without understanding the fee structure and having a written agreement in place.
- Don't withhold any information from your representative, as it could impact the success of your application.
- Don't hesitate to seek a second opinion if you have doubts about the advice or conduct of your representative.

Keep in mind that fraudsters want to take your hard-earned money and give you false promises of coming to or staying in Canada. If you have a complaint about your immigration representative, there are ways to get help. [File a complaint against a representative - Canada.ca](#)