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*This chapter has general information on visas for Canada and where to apply and get information on your visa application.*

If you are planning to go to Canada on a Working Holiday Visa you should read this chapter as you will find information on the programs available and where you will need to apply for the Working Holiday Visa.

### **Where can I get information on visas to Canada?**

You can get general information about immigration and citizenship through the CIC website at [www.cic.gc.ca](http://www.cic.gc.ca). The site will also provide you with recent announcements, publications, and application forms and guides.

If you do not have access to the Internet, then contact one of the CIC call centers.

They can provide:

- General information about immigration and citizenship programs and services
- General information about your application (If you have an immigration client identification (ID) number, which is the number given to you when you make an application for a visa)
- Application and information guides
- Help with fee calculations.

## How do I get information on my visa application?

If you are living in Ireland you can contact the Canadian High Commission in London as the Canadian High Commission in Dublin does not provide an immigration service. The contact details for the Canadian High Commission in London are:

### High Commission of Canada, London

Immigration Section

Canada House

Trafalgar Square

London SW1Y 5BJ

England

United Kingdom

Telephone: 44 (20) 7258 6600

Facsimile: 44 (20) 7258 6533

E-mail: [ldn@international.gc.ca](mailto:ldn@international.gc.ca)

Internet: [www.london.gc.ca](http://www.london.gc.ca)

## Is there a Working Holiday Visa Program between Ireland and Canada?

### Working Holiday Visas

There are 2 programs available for Ireland.  
Both have to be submitted through USIT (please see below).

#### Program "A" - Student Working Holiday Program

To apply for the student Working Holiday Program you must be:

- An Irish citizen and resident in Ireland
- Aged between 18 and 35 (inclusive)
- A full-time student at an Irish University.

The maximum validity of a work permit issued under this program is 12 months.

## Program "B" - General Working Holiday Program

The criteria are the same as Program "A" above except that it is open to non-students. All enquiries concerning these programs should be directed to:

### U.S.I.T.

9 Aston Quay  
O'Connell Bridge  
Dublin 2

Telephone: 00 353 1 602 1600

### *Note*

It is not advisable to finalise your travel arrangements until you have your letter of authorisation organised (A fax copy of an authorisation is acceptable).

## **My spouse/partner and I would both like to participate in the Working Holiday Program. Do we need to make separate applications?**

Yes, you must each submit an application with the required supporting documents.

### **I have just been approved under the Working Holiday Program. Do I have to travel within the dates indicated in the letter?**

The dates indicated in the letter of authorisation are the dates of your authorised stay in Canada. You can travel at any time within those dates.

### **If for some reason I wish to change the dates of my stay in Canada, how can I do this?**

You must return your letter of authorisation along with a letter indicating the new dates requested. The Canadian High Commission will authorise a new permit for the new dates and send you a new letter of authorisation. You are only allowed to apply to change the dates of your stay in Canada once.

If you wish to postpone your stay in Canada to next calendar year you must submit a new application. For more information on this please refer to the website [www.cic.gc.ca](http://www.cic.gc.ca)